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NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE

—OF THE—

Methodist Episcopal Church South.

FOURTEENTH SESSION.

Held at Birmingham, Ala., November 14-20, 1883.

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Fourteenth Annual Session

—OF THE—

North Alabama Conference,

Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

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FIRST DAY.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 14th, 1883.

The North Alabama Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in the Methodist Church at 9 o'clock, a. m.

Bishop H. N. McTyeire, D.D., called the Conference to order and announced the hymn, "Are we yet alive." After the singing, Rev. Uriah Williams led in prayer.

The Chairman then read the 126th Psalm and a part of the 10th chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, and announced the hymn, "Try us, Oh God."

The Secretary of the last Conference called the Roll and the following members were found present :

CLERICAL.

Allday, C A	Harrison, D	Oliver, C D
Anderson, R W	Hawkins, V O	O'Neal, C C
Andrews, W T	Hayes, T W	Parker, Z A
Bell, L R	Hewitt, G L	Pattillo, W T
Bentley, R T	Hewlet, F K	Powell, L M
Berry, H P	Hosmer, S M	Rippey, W M P
Blanton, I M	Howell, W McD	Roberts, E F S
Boyd, G F	Jacobs, C W	Roberts, T P
Brandon, F T J	Johnston, M E	Samples, O W
Brindley, P K	Jones, A B	Sharpe, J R
Burns, D A	Jones, E W	Slaughter, T G
Cameron, W E	Kerr, T A	Smith, G G
Clements, M K	Lea, B F	Speer, R A
Canterberry, W J	Leslie, J H	Stevenson, J B
Carmichael, D H	Lassiter, C S D	Thompson, J A
Carver, R D	Lynch, G R	Thompson, R A
Coleman, J L	Mabry, W E	Timmons, R A
Copeland, A G	Marks, J S	Tucker, J W
Crutcher, G W	McCain, J E	Walker, J G
Curry, J T	McCain, T B	West, A
Deavenport, T H	McCoy, W C	West, S P
Dobbs, C L	McDonald, D S	Whitehurst, A S
Dobbs, J M	McWhorter, P C	Whitten, L F
Dunkin, G M G	Melton, I Q	Whitten, M L
Emerson, S R	Miller, J T	Williams, J I
Ferguson, J L	Morris, J T	Williams, M G
Glover, J N	Morris, M N	Williams, S H
Godby, C	Neeley, J A	Williams, U
Gregory, J B	Newman, J W	Williams, W
Groover, W P	Nicholson, E	Wilson, L M
Hamilton, G W	Nicholson, W D	Wilson, R J

John A. Thompson was elected Secretary, and W. T. Pattillo, John L. Rison and Thomas A. Kerr, assistants

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the Standing Committees.

A communication from Dr. David Morton, Secretary of Church Extension, was read, and together with other papers, was referred to Conference Board of Church Extension.

A communication from Dr. Hinton, editor of the Southern Quarterly Review, was presented, and on motion, referred to the committee on Books and Periodicals.

Rev. L. F. Whitten, was, on motion, appointed a Special Agent to solicit subscriptions to the Review, and collect and receipt for all moneys due from this Conference.

The Annual Exhibit of the Agent of the Publishing House, with other papers and documents, was referred to the committee on Books and Periodicals.

The address of the Central Centenary Committee, was referred to the Conference Centenary Committee.

The Annual Report of the Board of Missions and sample copies of the Advocate of Missions, were presented. The report was referred to the Conference Board of Missions. The Advocates were placed in the hands of Rev. J. I. Williams, and he was appointed an agent to solicit subscriptions.

The committee on Nominations read their report, which, after slight amendments, was adopted, as follows :

PUBLIC WORSHIP—W. C. McCoy, J. W. Newman.

MEMOIRS—W. C. McCoy, C. D. Oliver, J. T. Curry.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—G. W. Hamilton, E. A. McGraw, J. S. Glasgow, C. D. Oliver, M. J. Law.

BIBLE CAUSE—A. G. Copeland, W. McD. Howell, Olin W. Samples, B. E. Finch, C. A. Allday.

EDUCATION—A. B. Jones, J. B. Stevenson, J. B. Sanford, R. G. Hewitt, J. H. Harris, J. W. Dubose, I. M. Blanton, J. L. Coleman.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—M. N. Morris, R. C. Gamble, A. L. Davis, F. K. Hewlett, R. A. Thompson, J. L. Ferguson, B. F. Lea, T. B. McCain, W. D. Nicholson.

CONFERENCE RECORDS—C. C. Ellis, W. T. Andrews, I. D. Mason, J. M. Price, J. R. Kennedy.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—W. E. Mabry, E. W. Jones, T. H. Deavenport, T. P. Roberts, M. L. Whitten, P. K. Brindley, W. T. Andrews, H. P. Berry.

TEMPERANCE—L. F. Whitten, W. P. Howell, C. C. Shirly, J. W. Tucker, L. R. Bell, Z. A. Parker, R. A. Speer, M. N. Morris.

Communications from the Rev. A. B. Jones, President of the Huntsville Female College, and G. W. Cain, Secretary of the Board of Trust of the Athens Female College, were referred to the Conference Board of Education without being read.

The hour for meeting was fixed at 9 o'clock, a. m., and for adjournment, 12:30 p. m.

The bar was fixed on a line with the third window from the pulpit.

Question 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration ?

The characters of G. J. Mason, I. N. Glover, Uriah Williams, C. S. D. Lassiter and Crocket Godby, were examined and passed, and, on motion of their several Presiding Elders, were referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

The characters of James T. Bartee, J. N. Dupree, and James L.

Brittain, were examined and passed, and, on motion of their Presiding Elders, were referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

The characters of Anson West, J. T. Morris, T. G. Slaughter, W. C. McCoy, V. O. Hawkins, R. A. Timmons, S. M. Hosmer and L. M. Wilson, were examined and passed.

On motion of Dr. West, the Conference set apart to-morrow, at 10 o'clock a. m., as the time for the special Missionary Day.

Revs. John F. Hughes and R. E. Travis, of the Tennessee Conference; Rev. J. W. Rush, of the Alabama Conference, and Dr. Foster, of the New York East Conference of the M. E. Church, were by vote, invited to seats within the bar.

Bishop Hargrove took the Chair.

Question 1st.—Who are admitted on trial ?

From the Birmingham District—recommended by the Birmingham Station, Thomas Armstrong and Thomas M. Wilson; recommended by the Tuscaloosa Circuit, Rodolphus S. Hullett; recommended by the Birmingham Circuit, Sylvester V. Blythe.

From the Gadsden District—recommended by Centre Circuit, John W. Norton; recommended by the Cedar Bluff Circuit, Wiley O. Horton.

From the Talladega District—recommended by the Cross Plains Circuit, Robert M. Howell; recommended by the Columbiana Circuit, Drury D. Warlick.

From the Florence District—recommended by the Waterloo Circuit, William A. Randle; recommended by the Lentzville Circuit, Philander P. Riley.

From the LaFayette District—recommended by the Weogufka Circuit, Eugene V. L. Finch; recommended by the Fredonia Circuit, W. F. Herndon and John T. Millican; recommended by the Louina Circuit, Mellodious F. Daniel; recommended by the Camp Hill Circuit, Henry I. Dupree.

All of these having stood an approved examination, were admitted on trial into the traveling connection.

Bishop McTyeire took the Chair.

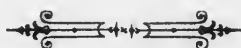
The following resolution was adopted, and the Chair asked the Secretary to furnish Dr. McFerrin a copy :

Resolved, That the North Alabama Conference, now in session in Birmingham, regret to hear of the extreme illness of Dr. J. B. McFerrin, and we give him our sympathy and prayers and trust God may spare him to the church which he has so long and faithfully served. Should God take him to Himself, we trust to meet him in heaven.

C. D. OLIVER,
W. C. MCCOY.

L. D. Palmer, Business Manager of the Publishing House, announced that he was ready and would be glad to attend to any business of the Publishing House connected with the Conference.

After sundry announcements, Conference adjourned by singing the doxology, and benediction by Bishop Hargrove.



SECOND DAY.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 15, 1883.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop McTyeire in the Chair.

The religious services were conducted by the Rev. S. M. Hosmer.

The Roll was called and the following members, not present yesterday, answered to their names :

R. W. Coons,	R. G. Isbell,	D. W. Ward,
C. C. Ellis,	R. N. Ledbetter,	J. I. Williams.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of J. W. Newman, the calling of the Roll was dispensed with, the remainder of the session.

A communication from the Rev. Merit K. Clements, Principal of the Gadsden District High School, was referred to the Conference Board of Education, without being read.

The Conference, on motion of J. T. Morris, reconsidered the vote by which the name of Crocket Godby was referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

Question 5.—Who are re-admitted?

From the Huntsville district—recommended by the Huntsville station, John F. Goldman.

From the Pine Bluff district, Little Rock Conference—recommended by the Pine Bluff station, W. C. Hearn.

From the Talladega district—recommended by the Chandler Springs circuit, William A. Montgomery

From the Gadsden district—recommended by South Hill circuit, M. J. Law.

From LaFayette district—recommended by the Roanoke circuit, Stephen H. Dimon.

From the Talladega district—recommended by the Alexandria circuit, C. M. Livingston made application, and after discussion, on division the vote stood, ayes 41, nays 53. He was not therefore, re-admitted.

Who have been received from other Churches?

John H. Hamilton, from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, presented his certificate of ordination and good standing and made application for admission into the traveling connection of this Conference. He appeared before the bar of the Conference and took the ordination vows of the M. E. Church South.

Pending the consideration of this question, the time for the special order of the day arrived and the conference engaged in a general discussion on the subject of missions, conducted by Dr. D. C. Kelley.

The Rev. R. S. Holcombe, Superintendent of the American Bible Society for Alabama and West Florida, addressed the Conference on that cause. At the conclusion of the address, the Conference unanimously adopted the following:

Resolved, by the North Alabama Conference assembled, That we are glad to have with us the Rev. R. S. Holcombe, Superintendent of the American Bible Society, and that we pledge ourselves to cheerfully sustain and co-operate with him in his work.

[Signed]

W. C. MCCOY,
JOHN A. THOMPSON.

The Chair read the following telegram which was in answer to one sent Dr. McFerrin by this Conference:

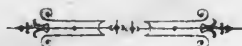
NASHVILLE, TENN., November 14, 1883.

Your telegram, conveying sympathy and prayers of Conference in behalf of Dr. McFerrin, is received, for which he directs to return thanks.

JAMES WHITWORTH,
Pres. Book Comm.
O. P. FITZGERALD,
Ed. Chris. Advocate.

Rev. Mr. Handly, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city, and Dr. Sprague and the Rev. J. W. Shores, of the Alabama Conference, were invited to seats within the bar.

After the usual notices, Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. Foster.



THIRD DAY.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 16, 1883.

Conference met at the stated hour, Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. R. S. Holcombe.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of John A. Thompson, the Rev. P. K. Brindley was appointed a committee of one to collect money for the publication of the Minutes.

Question 20th. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The characters of Derrel Harrison, William P. Groover, Dugald H. Carmichal, David L. Parish, Charles W. Jacobs, Robert A. Speer, Thomas W. Hayes, Merit K. Clements, James S. Glasgow, Jo J. Crow, R. W. Anderson, Henry S. Matthews, David A. Burns, S. P. West, George G. Smith, Thomas A. Kerr, Amos S. Whitehurst, George W. Crutcher, John T. Coleman, James H. Leslie, Thomas K. Tierce, Robert A. Thompson, George F. Boyd and George L. Hewitt were examined and passed.

Question 8th. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Henry S. Matthews, David A. Burns, S. P. West. These having stood an approved examination, were elected Deacons and advanced to the class of the 3rd year.

R. W. Anderson and George G. Smith having stood an approved examination, were advanced to the class of the 3rd year, having already been ordained Deacons.

Question 7.—Who are the Deacons of one year?

Fernando K. Hewlett, J. I. Williams, Theodore B. McCain, Paul T. McWhorter, Olin W. Samples, James W. Spencer, Charles W. Jacobs, Robert A. Speer, Thomas W. Hayes and M. K. Clements, having stood an approved examination, were advanced to the class of the 3rd year.

Lockhart M. Powell, James S. Glasgow, J. J. Crow, not appearing before the committee, remain in the class of the 3rd year.

When the name of William J. Canterbury was called his presiding elder, L. M. Wilson, stated that he had failed to go to the work assigned him. After some discussion the following resolution was offered:

Resolved. That we disapprove the course of Bro. Canterbury

in not traveling the work assigned him, but in view of the circumstances we pass his character.

[Signed.]

T. G. SLAUGHTER,
C. C. ELLIS.

M. L. Whitten moved to amend by striking out all that part of the resolution but the portion referring to the passage of his character; passed.

He not appearing before the committee remains in the class of the 3rd year.

J. W. Dubose, lay delegate from the Gadsden district, came in and took his seat.

Dr. A. S. Andrews, of the Alabama conference, Dr. Joseph B. Cottrell, of the Louisville conference, and Dr. William A. Parks, of the North Georgia conference, were invited to seats within the bar.

Question 6.—Who are received by transfer from other conferences?

R. H. Rogers from the White River conference, Alonzo Monk, from the Tennessee conference, and J. D. Simpson, from the Alabama conference.

Question 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

R. W. Anderson, Henry S. Matthews, David a Burns, S. P. West and George G. Smith. These having stood an examination, and having traveled two consecutive years, and answering the disciplinary questions, were, after being addressed by the Bishop, admitted into full connection in the North Alabama conference.

Question 2.—Who remain on trial?

David L. Parish and J. B. Gregory, having stood an approved examination, were continued on trial and advanced to the class of the second year. Derrell Harrison, William P. Groover and Dugald R. Carmichal, not appearing before the committee, were continued on trial in the class of the first year.

Question 3.—Who are discontinued?

Derrell Harrison and Hiram G. Davis, at their own request.

J. M. Ledbetter, lay delegate from the Talladega district, came in and took his seat.

On motion of John A. Thompson, Rev. A. B. Jones was excused from serving on the Board of Education, and Rev. John S. Davis appointed in his stead.

Question 12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders?

George W. Crutcher, Amos S. Whitehurst, George F. Boyd, James H. Leslie, Robert A. Thompson, George L. Hewitt and Merit K. Clements, having passed in examination of character and stood an approved examination, and having traveled four

consecutive years, were elected elders.

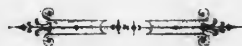
Thomas A. Kerr and John T. Coleman, having passed in examination of character and stood an approved examination before the committee, were passed out from the list of undergraduates, being already elders.

Thomas K. Tierce, having passed in examination of character, but not appearing before the committee, remains in the class of the fourth year.

Hiram Richardson, lay delegate from the Florence district, appeared and took his seat.

Conference resolved to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

After notices, conference adjourned with benediction.



EVENING SESSION.

Conference re-assembled at the stated hour, Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. Rufus E. Travis, of the Tennessee conference.

A. L. Davis was appointed Railroad Secretary.

The committee on Conference Relations, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Having considered the application of James T. Bartee, John N. Dupree and James L. Brittain, for the supernumerary relation, we recommend that their request be granted. We further recommend after due consideration, that Daniel Duncan, George J. Mason, Julius N. Glover and Uriah Williams, be granted a superannuated relation. [Signed.]

W. E. MABRY, Chm'n.

T. H. DEAVENPORT, Sec'y.

Question 17.—Who are supernumerary ?

James T. Bartee, John N. Dupree and James L. Brittain, having been passed in examination of character, and recommended by the committee on Conference Relations.

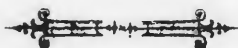
Question 18.—Who are superannuated ?

Daniel Duncan, George J. Mason, Julius N. Glover and Uriah Williams, having passed in examination of character, and been recommended by the committee on Conference Relations.

Question 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The characters of John A. Thompson, George W. Hamilton, A. G. Copeland, W. E. Mabry, C. C. O'Neal, L. F. Whitten, M. E. Johnston, W. E. Cameron, A. B. Jones, J. C. Hunkapiller, John B. Gregory, E. W. Jones, W. McD. Howell, W. R. Kirk, J. B. Stevenson, J. A. Neely, R. F. Winston, S. R. Emerson, J. G. Walker, F. T. J. Brandon, Joe T. Curry, Thos. H. Deavenport, D. S. McDonald, J. L. Ferguson, D. W. Ward, R. G. Isbell, J. W. Newman, Evan Nicholson, W. M. P. Rippey, B. F. Lea, T. P. Roberts, J. W. Tucker, N. H. Self, James E. Andrews, R. J. Wilson and C. D. Oliver, were examined and passed.

Announcements were made and conference adjourned, with singing and doxology by C. D. Oliver.



FOURTH DAY.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 17, 1883.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop McTyeire in the Chair.

The religious services were conducted by Dr. J. B. Cottrell, of the Louisville conference.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Robert Miller, alternate lay delegate, was substituted for his principal, who was absent.

On motion of their presiding elders, C. D. Oliver, Crocket Godby and J. T. Curry, were referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

Question 13.—Who are located this year?

James E. Andrews, John C. Hunkapiller and James W. Spencer, at their own request.

Question 10.—What local preachers are elected deacons?

From the Talladega district—recommended by the Cross Plains circuit, Robert M. Powell; recommended by the Oxford circuit, J. H. L. Davis.

From the Birmingham district—recommended by the Birmingham station, Thomas M. Wilson ; recommended by the Birmingham circuit, Sylvester V. Blythe ; recommended by the Tuscaloosa circuit, Rodolphus S. Hullett.

From the LaFayette district—recommended by the Camp Hill circuit, Henry I. Dupree, and Henry W. Garlington.

From the Florence district—recommended by the Cypress circuit, Joab G. Hines.

From the Decatur district—recommended by the Somerville circuit—Henry C. Simmons.

From the Gadsden district—recommended by the South Hill circuit, Reuben McElwreath ; recommended by the Bristoe's Cove circuit, B. H. O. Cochran ; recommended by the Island Creek circuit, George W. Sims.

Question 14.—What local preachers are elected elders ?

None.

The case of John H. Hamilton, which was not disposed of, was called up by the Chair and he was admitted into the traveling connection of the North Alabama conference, and his name placed on the roll of elders, coming to us from the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

Whose orders have been recognized ?

From the Tuscaloosa district—recommended by the Sheffield circuit, Henry Hallman, an elder from the Methodist Episcopal church ; recommended by the Yorkville circuit, Seaborn P. McReynolds, an elder from the Free Will Baptist church ; recommended by the Vernon circuit, Andrew J. Merchant, an elder from the Free Will Baptist church.

From the LaFayette District—recommended by the Roanoke circuit, George P. Southerlin, an elder from the Methodist Protestant church.

All these having been received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, recommended by their several quarterly conferences, giving satisfactory evidence of their ordination in the churches from which they came, and subscribing to the doctrines and discipline of this church, were recognized as elders in said church.

Moses A. Leak, from the Gadsden district, recommended by Island Creek circuit, made application for the recognition of his orders as ordained by the Missionary Baptist church.

In the discussion, it appearing that he had at one time been a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and had been deprived of his credentials by the Georgia conference, the Chair ruled that his application would have to be made to that conference for the restoration of his credentials.

Rev. L. M. Wilson, presiding elder of the Decatur district, stated that the Danville, circuit quarterly conference had expelled from the church, Rev. Mathew Woodruff a local deacon, and delivered his credentials to this conference.

Question 10.—What local preachers are elected deacons ?

From the LaFayette district—recommended by the Weogufk a circuit, Thomas J. McCain.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, 1st. That the North Alabama Conference has learned with great pleasure, that a volume of sermons by the late Rev. P. P. Neely, D.D., is to be published by his widow, who, with the advice of judicious friends, has made a selection from the hitherto unpublished sermons of that eloquent minister of the gospel.

Resolved 2nd. That we would encourage Mrs. Neely in this enterprise, which is to add an edifying and valuable volume to our religious literature, and we invite our friends to join with us in making this undertaking alike profitable to the reading public and to his family, who in this way seek to perpetuate his memory and usefulness, and provide for the comfort of those he loved. [Signed]

ANSON WEST,
R. A. TIMMONS,
L. M. WILSON,
T. P. ROBERTS.

F. T. J. Brandon and S. P. West were appointed to solicit subscriptions to the book.

John A. Thompson, in behalf of the Commission of Education, read their report as follows :

To the Bishop and Members of the North Alabama

Annual Conference, in Conference Assembled :

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—Your Commissioners appointed at your last session, to take into consideration the subject of male education within your bounds, and to confer with a like Commission from the Alabama conference, in order to harmonize and unify, if possible, this cause in the two conferences named, beg leave to submit the following report :

The joint Commission met in Selma, Ala., on the 12th day of January, 1883, and adopted a preamble and resolutions looking to this end and also looking to the adoption of the Southern University, located at Greensboro Ala., under certain conditions expressed in the preamble and resolutions referred to. On the 23rd day of January, 1883, the Board of Trust of the Southern University, met in the city of Selma, Ala., and without a dissenting voice, passed the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS, the Alabama conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the North Alabama conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at their last sessions, did appoint five Commissioners each, to confer, with a view to the establishment of a male college, to be conducted under the auspices of the said two conferences ; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners so appointed by said two conferences did, on the 12th day of January, 1883, in the city of Selma, Ala., meet together, and did on that day together, adopt a preamble and resolutions looking to this end ; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Southern University, in pursuance of the second resolution adopted by said Commissioners, has convened the Trustees of the Southern University in the city of Selma, Ala., to consider and act upon the several matters embraced in said resolutions of said Commissioners ; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the said several matters, the Trustees of the Southern University are willing to comply with the provisions of the first resolution, so adopted by said Commissioners ; therefore

Resolved, 1st. That the President and the Secretary of the Board of Trust of the Southern University, be and they are hereby directed and authorized to execute to the said two conferences a deed in fee simple to all the real and personal property belonging to the Trustees of the Southern University and known as the property of the Southern University to be used exclusively for male educational purposes in the State of Alabama.

Resolved, 2nd. That the Trustees of the Southern University hereby respectfully petition the General Assembly of Alabama to so amend the charter of the Southern University, as to conform it to the conditions expressed in said preamble and resolutions.

Resolved, 3rd. That the Honorable Thomas Seay, Senator from Hale county, and the Honorable S. W. John, Representative from Dallas county, and other members of the General Assembly, be and they are hereby requested to take such steps as are needful to procure the said amendment to said charter.

This document sets forth the important preliminary step taken on the subject in hand. Conforming to the request therein made, the General Assembly did so amend the charter, and this conference has an equal representation on the Board of Trust named in said amendment.

Another meeting of the Commissioners was called in the city of Birmingham, Ala., May the 29th, 1883.

With no disposition to anticipate your action, but thinking further postponement of the question would be hurtful, we proceeded to organize the new Board of Trust by the election of Dr. A. S. Andrews, President pro tem, and John A. Thompson, Secretary.

The old Board, acting under the instructions given them in the preamble and resolutions read in your hearing, executed according to law a deed in fee simple to the two conferences, the property known as the Southern University.

Deeming it important to the success of the new enterprise that the University should commence operations at the beginning of the Fall session and before the meeting of your body, a President was elected who has the power of arranging for his faculty. Resting on the Presidents home and the boarding hall, was a mortgage amounting to several thousand dollars, which has been cancelled by the legal conference of the Alabama conference.

So far as your Commissioners were authorized to act, they accepted, with expressions of appreciation, the generous gift of the old Board. They have offered you a splendid property, unencumbered with debt, and, your simple acceptance constitutes you an equal owner with the Alabama Conference,

Finally, we think no subject has been presented to you since your organization, of more vital importance than the one brought forward in this report.

The success of the present opening is sufficient to encourage the friends of the institution and to silence her foes, if she has them.

We ask therefore, that you ratify the action of your Commissioners, and give the University your sympathy, prayers and patronage, and the time is not far distant when she will repay you with compound interest.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. THOMPSON,
in behalf of the Commissioners.
W. C. MCCOY,
J. W. NEWMAN,
C. C. ELLIS.

Dr. A. S. Andrews, President of the Southern University, was introduced to the conference and delivered an address on Education, with special reference to the Southern University.

Dr. Fitzgerald addressed the conference on our general publishing interests.

On motion of Dr. West, the Commissioners report was made the special order of the day for Monday, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

After notices, conference adjourned with singing and benediction by Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald.



FIFTH DAY.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 18, 1883.

SUNDAY MORNING, 11 O'CLOCK.

Religious services conducted by Bishop H. N. McTyeire.

Question 8.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Henry S. Matthews, David A. Burns, Simon P. West.

Question 11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Henry C. Simmons, Samuel Phillips, Reuben P. McElwreath, Joab G. Hines, Henry W. Garlington, Sylvester V. Blythe, Robert M. Hewitt, Rodolphus S. Hullett, Thomas M. Wilson, Thomas J. McCain.

SUNDAY EVENING, 3 O'CLOCK.

Religious services conducted by Rev. A. S. Andrews.

Question 13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

George W. Crutcher, Amos S. Whitehurst, George F. Boyd, James H. Leslie, Robert A. Thompson, George L. Hewitt, Merit K. Clements.

Question 15.—What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

At the Methodist church at 7 o'clock, after religious services, conducted by Rev. R. A. Timmons, the Rev. Jos. T. Curry, in behalf of the committee on members, read the following

MEMOIRS.

Your committee believe it to be a duty the church owes to herself, the memory of the departed saints and to the world, to commit to her records, the life struggles and triumphant death of those to whom God has committed the sacred trust of preaching the Gospel of Christ to the world. Under this solemn conviction we present to your Body, a brief account of the life and death of our beloved brethren.

CORNELIUS N. MCLEOD.

We deeply regret the want of information of the life and labors of this faithful minister of Jesus and servant of the church, to whose interest he gave his life.

As near as we can ascertain, he was admitted into the Alabama

conference in the year of '1840, and passed the course of study to full connection, deacon and elders orders, without delay. For a number of years he filled the works assigned him, with punctual fidelity, and usefulness to the church.

He was true to the church, rendering filial obedience to her laws; ever ready as a minister promptly and mildly to execute the discipline. To his mind this was indispensable to the purity and success of the church. To all the doctrines of Methodism, he fully subscribed, but to none more heartily than Perfection as taught by Mr. Wesley and the early fathers of Methodism. This great blessing he professed in which he greatly rejoiced.

As a preacher, our brother was above ordinary. We are persuaded that he was one of the few men whose modesty of character prevented him from occupying that position his intellect entitled him to. He presented the doctrines of Methodism in a clear and forcible light, and while some of his figures were quaint, they were always startling and rarely failed in producing conviction. He served faithfully some of our hardest charges and through many trials and much hardship, he prosecuted the work in hand with a rare fidelity.

Nature gave him a robust frame and commanding person, and the strength of his manhood and the feebleness of his declining years, were all given to the church.

Our brother was a true friend. No dissembling or idle pretensions found lodgment in his soul. His pure mind and exalted nature scorned a little and mean act. He possessed some exterior bluntness that sometimes impressed the stranger unfavorably, but his heart was sincere and as gentle as a woman's.

He lived a long life and died an honored death and passed in amongst us and out from us, and, left the heritage of a spotless record, with no blot of suspicion upon his irreproachable character. Two years past, he sustained a superannuated relation. He died in Etowah county, Alabama, in great peace,

As a conference we may well pause in our deliberation in speaking of such a man. We are poorer because he is gone, but he is at rest, and heaven has gained by his entrance there.

JEREMIAH G. GURLEY,

was born in Anderson district, South Carolina, January 5th, 1825. His father moved to Pickens county, Alabama, when he was an infant. He was converted at a camp meeting and joined the old Hopewell church, under the ministry of Rev. William Vaughn, when 16 years old; married Miss Mary A. Stokes, December 23, 1845; was licensed to exhort by the Rev. George Shaeffer, October 31, 1849, and licensed to preach, September 13,

1851, by George Shaeffer, P. E.; was ordained deacon by Bishop Paine, at Eutaw, Alabama, December 9, 1855; ordained elder at Greensboro, Alabama, December 15, 1861, by Bishop Early.

He joined the conference at Montgomery, December, 1860, and 1861-62, traveled the Fayette circuit; 1863-64, the Moscow circuit; 1865, the Bexar circuit, and was returned to the Moscow circuit in 1866. December, 1866, he was appointed presiding elder of the Jasper district; stationed at Elyton and Irondale. 1868-69-70, presiding elder for the colored people; 1871, he served the Jonesboro circuit; 1872, Northport circuit; November, 1872, was appointed presiding elder of the Guntersville district, which he served four years; the Decatur district, one year; the Birminham district, two years, 1878-79; Montevallo circuit, 1880; 1881 he was appointed to the Coketon circuit, but was compelled to give up the work on account of failing health; in 1882 was superannuated. Having partially regained his health he was appointed to the Birmingham City mission, which he served the greater portion of the year, his health failing rapidly, with a sad heart he asked to be relieved.

He was a good English scholar and a fine preacher; a man of sorrow and acquainted with domestic grief, having burried all of a large family of children except one. He preached the first sermon ever delivered in the city of Birmingham.

His disease was cancer of the stomach, of which he suffered most intense pain, yet without murmuring. Brother McCoy visited him often during his sickness, and on one occasion asked him if he doubted the truth of the gospel. He answered, "Do you think I would preach the gospel as long as I have and then doubt it? No, my brother, my way is perfectly clear."

Thus passed our dear brother to his eternal inheritance. As the notes of the heavenly choirsters fell softly upon his ear, looking up he said, "listen, listen!"

He died in Birmingham, Alabama, October 12, 1883.

SAMPSON H. WILLIAMS,

was born in Lauderdale county, Ala., February 23, 1847, and died from injuries received from a falling tree, at the parsonage on Lentzville circuit, in Limestone county, Ala., February 22, 1883.

He was converted in August, 1866, joined the M. E. Church, South, and was baptized in the spring of 1867; married to Miss Emma Kear, July 16, 1867; licensed to preach in 1868; was ordained deacon, at Corinth, Miss., in 1872; admitted on trial in the North Alabama Conference, at Talladega, in 1873, but was discontinued at his own request at the next session of the Conference in Huntsville. He was ordained elder by Bishop McTyeire, at

Huntsville, Ala., Nov., 1881, at which time he was again admitted on trial in the North Alabama Conference, and appointed to Lentzville circuit, Florence district, which he served with great acceptability to the people and much profit to the church. He was returned to Lentzville circuit at the conference in LaFayette, 1882. He was so completely absorbed with his work as to be apparently lost to everything else, giving his entire time to study, visiting and preaching. He was a hard student—had a good English education, with some classical advantages. His examinations at conference were indeed creditable, and so intent was he to reach the maximum in all his studies at the next conference, that he had gone over the entire course for the year, with the exception of one book, since conference.

His visit to the last conference seemed to be a great inspiration to him—so much so that he entered upon the duties of the present year with renewed energies and zeal, as well as enlarged views of christian and ministerial obligations. Bro. Williams loved and preached the doctrines of the gospel; especially did he love to dwell upon the subject of christian Perfection.

He fully believed in the doctrine of sanctification and was striving to attain to that high and blessed state in his christian experience. He spent one hour and a half each day in secret prayer, and every Friday was observed by him as a day of fasting and prayer. He impressed all who knew him as being a man of God, wholly consecrated to his work. He was a pastor in the true sense of the word, for he did not spend his time in making social calls, but in working for the Lord. He visited all, and so introduced the subjects of personal experience, religious literature, missions, and other church interests, as to make his visits real benedictions to those whom he visited. When praying, he seemed to be talking directly to the Lord, and could say "Dear Lord" and "O blessed Jesus" with an intonation that was indeed impressive.

When informed by his physicians that he could not recover, he, with a smile, calmly said, "The Lord's will be done," He was entirely conscious the most of the time, and when in a semi-conscious state, caused by morphine, which he had to take at times, he was often heard repeating passages of scripture, discussing fundamental principles of the gospel, while he sometimes, no doubt, thought he was doing pastoral work, for more than once he was heard to say, "I only have one-half hour to spend with you to-day, and must put that time in working for Jesus." He was perfectly resigned to the Lord's will, had no fear whatever about the future, and his last words were, "I am going home to glory!"

The church has lost a valuable and useful man in the death of Bro. Williams, the North Alabama conference one of her most promising members, and his wife and children a devoted and an affectionate husband and father.

W. C. MCCOY,
C. D. OLIVER,
JO. T. CURRY.

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— TO THE —

MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN,

CORNELIUS D. MCLEOD,

JEREMIAH G. GURLEY,

— AND —

SIMPSON B. WILLIAMS,



WHOSE INTEGRITY OF CHARACTER, FIDELITY TO CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES, DEVOTION AND ZEAL TO THE MINISTRY AND VIRTUES OF LIFE, ARE WORTHY OF BEING HELD IN EVERLASTING REMEMBRANCE.



These all died in the Faith, having obtained a good report.

SIXTH DAY.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 19, 1883.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Rogers.

The minutes of Saturday and yesterday were read and approved

Bishop McTyeire presented and caused to be read to the conference a paper certifying that he ordained to deacons and elders orders on the day previous, the persons whose names appear in answer to questions 8th, 11th and 13th.

On motion of Jo. T. Morris, the case of W. R. Kirk was referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the super-annuated relation.

Conference granted the presiding elder of the Talladega district permission to employ the Rev. R. P. Odom.

Question 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The characters of C. C. Ellis, James E. McCain, W. T. Pattillo, M. L. Whitten, L. R. Bell, Evan Nicholson, R. W. Coons, G. R. Lynch, Z. A. Parker, C. A. Allday, R. N. Ledbetter, P. K. Brindly, W. D. Nicholson, R. D. Carver, Isaac Q. Melton, J. M. Dobbs, W. T. Andrews, M. G. Williams, Isaac M. Blanton, E. F. S. Roberts, G. M. G. Duncan, Hardie Brown, R. T. Bentley, M. N. Morris, J. T. Miller, J. W. Shoemaker, J. L. Coleman, J. S. Davis, Wilson Williams, H. P. Berry and John R. Sharpe, were examined and passed.

Question 16.—Who are located this year?

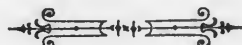
C. A. Allday, at his own request.

On motion, Gov. E. A. O'Neal was invited to a seat within the bar of the conference.

The special order set apart on Saturday was taken up, and the conference proceeded to discuss the report of the Commissioners of Education, which was read Saturday.

After discussion, the Commissioners' report was adopted as read Saturday.

Conference resolved to meet at 3 p. m., this afternoon, and then adjourned with the benediction, by Dr. A. S. Andrews.



EVENING SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING, 3 O'CLOCK.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop McTyeire in the Chair.

The religious services were conducted by A. B. Jones.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial?

From the Cokesberry district, South Carolina conference—recommended by the Tumbling Shoals circuit, C. P. Sullivan, having stood an approved examination.

Question 6.—Who are received by transfer from other conferences?

W. A. Rogers, from the White River conference; A. Monk and W. M. P. Rippey, from the Tennessee conference.

The committee on Conference Relations, read the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Conference Relations, have had under consideration the applications of C. D. Oliver, Jo. T. Curry, Crocket Godbey, C. S. D. Lassiter and W. R. Kirk, and recommend that you grant them a superannuated relation.

Question 17.—Who are superannuated?

C. D. Oliver, Jo. T. Curry, C. Godby, C. S. D. Lassiter and W. R. Kirk, having been recommended by the committee as above.

D. S. McDonald, Secretary of the Joint Board of Finance, submitted the report of the Board, which was approved.

Question 27.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$2,500.

Question 28.—What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied?

\$2,229.70; applied to claimants as follows:

Mrs. Theo. Moody,	\$ 25 70.
" E. McMeans,	102 15.
Miss Mattie Bailey,	50 70.
J. A. Anderson's child,	35 70.
Rev. Uriah Williams,	150 00.
" Daniel Duncan,	100 00.
Miss Odom,	40 00.
Mrs. R. L. Andrews,	64 00.
" G. B. Williams,	75 70.
" P. L. Anderson,	76 44.
" Dawson Phelps,	25 70.

Mrs. J. W. Whitten,	100 70.
" Thomas Whitley,	50 70.
" C. N. McLeod,	102 15.
Rev. C. S. D. Lassiter,	115 00.
" G. J. Mason,	80 00.
Mrs. P. B. Robinson,	150 50.
" A. F. Driskill,	75 70.
" R. G. Reagan,	75 70.
" J. F. Ellis,	127 15.
" E. A. West,	75 60.
" J. B. Powers,	101 44.
" E. B. Norton,	117 87.
Rev. J. N. Glover,	100 00.
Mrs. M. E. Stanley,	70 70.
" B. F. Larrabee,	2 15.
" H. P. Turner,	70.
" J. W. Christian,	70.
Rev. C. Godby,	125 00.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1883-84.

	Bishop.	Conference.
Huntsville District,	\$ 142 70	\$ 420 00
Tuscaloosa "	142 70	420 00
Birmingham "	142 70	420 00
Talladega "	142 70	420 00
LaFayette "	107 30	280 00
Gadsden "	107 30	280 00
Decatur "	107 30	280 00
Florence "	107 30	280 00
Total,	\$1000 00	\$2800 00

The conference Board of Education made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Board of Education have before them the register of Vanderbilt University; reports from Athens Female College, Huntsville Female College and the Gadsden district High School, and after considering them in committee and taking in all the facts and figures, would respectfully submit the following:

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

We recognize the fact that the Vanderbilt University in part, belongs to us, and we feel a just pride in noting with pleasure, its onward progress and great success. Being one of the youngest Universities of our country, it already assumes large proportions,

numbering 487 students, from 23 States, Territories and Nations. It is not necessary for us to repeat its great advantages in offering to our sons and the young men of the church and the country, a place where they may acquire a thorough education and profession, either in medicine, law, dentistry, civil engineering, physics or theology.

Its magnificent apparatus, one of the most costly on this continent; its large collection of geological specimens, gathered from every nation and country on earth; its extensive library; its beautiful and artistically-arranged compass; the architectural embellishments of its magnificent structures, renders it a place of attraction to any lover of science and art. So wonderfully has she advanced in all that makes a University successful, that she has caused even the admiration of other and older Universities; so that she stands to-day the peer of the best. No man of purer mind or grander soul than her honored Chancellor, ever ruled the destinies of a University.

The professors are masters in their several departments, and perhaps no institution has a more elevated moral tone. And it is therefore, with very great pleasure that we commend the institution to our people as in every way worthy their confidence and patronage.

HUNTSVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE.

The report of Rev. A. B. Jones, A.M., President of this college, under your fostering care and patronage, is before us. We note with great pleasure that its success is beyond question, and its prosperity cause for congratulation. The statistical report, as furnished by the President, is full and complete; showing 150 pupils, 71 boarding pupils and 471 in all departments up to date, and quite a number have made arrangements to enter the school within the next month. We learn from the report that every department of science, music, literature, art and languages, are taught in the institution—the faculty numbering thirteen.

The President says: "The school has steadily increased in numbers and influence since my first report to the conference at Oxford, in 1880, and from present indications, I have every reason to believe that the Board of Trustees will have either to enlarge the capacity of the buildings, or I shall be compelled to rent other houses contiguous to the college for the accommodation of the increasing demand on me for room." Patronage is solicited which we heartily recommend for the following reasons:

The health of the institution is excellent. The surroundings are most favorable. Every department is well supplied with the very best instruments, furniture and apparatus. The pupils are

furnished with every facility for their comfort and health. The course of study is extensive, and wisely arranged. The discipline, we most heartily endorse.

The Huntsville Female College is emphatically a Methodist school. With Rev. A. B. Jones as President, assisted by a competent corps of educators, and a Board of Trustees that have the ring of the true metal, we ask for the institution unprecedented success.

ATHENS FEMALE COLLEGE.

This college with its buildings and school furniture, belong in fee simple to the North Alabama conference. Rev. W. A. Rogers, the President, represents the building in need of repairs, and the apparatus in need of replenishing. He also represents the school as very much crippled and embarrassed by a combination of circumstances, and a large decrease in the number of pupils.

This state of things we very much regret, and call upon you to consider well the future destiny of an institution which has so thoroughly educated so many of the daughters of Alabama and Tennessee, and we urge upon you to take such steps as may be necessary to resuscitate this institution. We deem this property too valuable to let it get out of our hands and from under our influence, and would recommend that its local Board of Trustees be filled by such men as are in full sympathy with us and in accordance with the rule of the discipline touching this subject, pledging ourselves to use our energy in behalf of this institution, which in other days has had a brilliant career that it may stand upon a substantial basis and its future be even more prosperous than its past history.

COLLINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

This institution of learning, under the superintendency of the Rev. M. K. Clements, struggled against opposition in its beginning; the first session numbered 155 pupils, the school having representatives from four States. Most of the pupils who have entered this school have been converted and a large number have joined our church. The last session is an increase of 340 per cent. over the first.

This school is doing a great work for education in Alabama, and we heartily recommend it to the patronage of our people, and recommend that Rev. M. K. Clements be appointed its principal.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

This old institution of learning, which by the adoption of the report of Commissioners, appointed by our last conference, becomes now the joint property of the North Alabama conference. We hail with delight, the opportunity placed within our reach, and accept it most heartily. We are highly pleased with the report made to your body by its honored President, Dr. A. S. Address, and that it has in so short a time, by the united efforts of its friends and the untiring energy of its President, been placed upon a basis of success.

We believe not only in the mental training and the physical development of our young men, but also in their spiritual growth and progress, feeling that education is ultimately of little value unless sanctified by the religion of the Master. We have no hesitancy in expressing the belief that the Southern University, with its able corps of christian men, is a suitable place for the proper training of our boys.

We feel assured that the great State of Alabama, with the two sister conferences, uniting heart and hand in this great work will crown it with the success that it so justly deserves, and that, on this the eve of our grand Centennial year, we have in full view before us our institution resuscitated and in good working order, around which our arms of protection may be thrown without hesitation. And if she is not what she ought to be, we pledge our prayers for encouragement, patronage and support; for its full development and success.

We recommend the following appointments: Hardie Brown, to State Normal School, Florence; A. B. Jones, to Huntsville Female College; W. A. Rogers, to Athens Female College; R. G. Isbell, to Godfrey High School.

JOHN S. DAVIS, Ch'm'n.

Question 31.—Where shall the next session of the conference be held?

At Talladega, Alabama.

Conference resolved to meet at 7 o'clock, p. m., and then adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

NOTE.—By an oversight in transcribing the minutes for the publisher, the names of lay delegates who were present at the beginning of the session were omitted and do not appear in the first days' proceedings. The following were present and answered to their names at the opening session, viz: A. L. Davis, O. H. P. Williams, S. W. Henry, M. J. Law, E. A. Powell, C. Shirley, J. R. Kenney, W. P. J. Howell, I. M. Jackson, R. C. Gamble, J. L. Rison, M. V. Henry, J. M. Price, J. B. Sandford, L. S. Shuester and J. H. Harris.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, L. M. Wilson in the Chair, by the request of Bishop McTyeire.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. John B. Stevenson.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

M. J. Law, in behalf of the committee on Sunday Schools, read the following report, which was adopted :

Your committee to whom was referred the interest of the Sunday School work in the bounds of the North Alabama conference, desire to present the following report :

A knowledge of the susceptibility of childhood to evil influences and principles, points directly to the necessity for organized persistent effort on the part of the church in co-operation with the preaching of the Word from the pulpit, co-ordinate with home instruction. That this necessity may be fully met in the Sunday School, there can be no doubt. The ample facilities in the publications afforded by our own Publishing House, and so well edited by Dr. Cunningham, are matters of special interest, and recommend the use of our own literature.

It is indeed gratifying to notice that during the past year, special attention has been paid to this important interest throughout the conference. Yet, permit us to call attention to the fact that we may teach the children and yet fail to train them for the Master's use. Training in this department is essential to the proper development of our young people, in order that they may promptly and intelligently enter the church and evince in useful lives, the spirit and power of the gospel.

We call attention to the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the M. E. church in America, to be held in the city of Baltimore, December, 1884, and direct the attention of the conference to the address of the Central Centenary Committee to the annual conferences. Especially do we desire to call attention to the action of the Centenary Committee of the conference, in which they appoint the First Sabbath in October as a day to hold special centenary services for the children throughout the bounds of the conference. Permit us to add the following resolutions :

Resolved. 1st. That we will give more direct attention to all the interests and departments of the Sunday School work in the bounds of our conference.

Resolved, 2nd. That we will take special pains to furnish all our Sunday Schools with literature corresponding with the spirit and theology of the M. E. Church, South.

M. J. LAW, Ch'm'n.

The committee on Bible Cause, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

We, your committee on Bible Cause, make this our report :

Knowing that the Bible is, under God, the great instrument by which the world is to be led to the Cross and the knowledge of Salvation, and that the American Bible Society is the most efficient agent by which the Holy Scriptures are put into the hands of the people, we do most earnestly recommend its support to our people. And further, that we pledge ourselves as a conference, to do all in our power to aid this good cause. And further, that we will try to raise its collections by May next.

A. G. COPELAND, Ch'm'n.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

John B. Gregory, Secretary Conference Board of Church Extension, read the following, which was approved by the Conference :

AMOUNTS COLLECTED.

From	Huntsville	District.....	\$ 93 45
"	Talladega	"	152 50
"	Tuscaloosa	"	132 80
"	Birmingham	"	135 75
"	LaFayette	"	92 90
"	Gadsden	"	101 60
"	Decatur	"	19 25
"	Florence	"	57 35
Total.....			\$786 50
Paid to Foreign Board.....			\$393 25
" Conference Board.....			393 25
Total.....			\$786 50

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To	Huntsville	District.....	\$ 300 00
"	Birmingham	"	300 00
"	Tuscaloosa	"	300 00
"	Talladega	"	300 00
"	LaFayette	"	275 00
"	Gadsden	"	275 00
"	Decatur	"	250 00
"	Florence	"	250 00
Total.....			\$2250 00

L. F. Whitten, chairman committee on Temperance, read the following report:

Your committee on Temperance have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

1st. It is a well known fact, ascertained from the highest medical and scientific sources, that there is no medicinal or remedial efficacy in ardent spirits that may not be found in other remedies or medicines.

2nd. That the temperate use of ardent spirits is injurious, uniformly both to body and soul.

3rd. It is a well-established fact, from the highest authority, that it is the cause of eighty-five per cent. of all the crimes committed; being the fruitful source of almost all the trouble between labor and capital, which shows itself in strikes. The laboring classes of the country use five hundred millions dollars in strong drink, which is not only wasted, but a thousand-fold worse—causing murders, abuse to wives and children, and bringing them to poverty.

4th. It is a fact that more than one thousand million dollars are spent annually in the United States for intoxicating drinks, the use of which not only does infinite harm to the physical health of the nation, but fills the prisons and hospitals of the land with eighty-five per cent. of all their inmates.

5th. This traffic has shown hostility to all the religious, social and educational institutions of this country; and has even dared, and not without success, to lay its hand on the legislation of the country.

6th. There is no more formidable foe to our national prosperity and peace; there is no enemy which so disturbs the peace of families, and endangers the young men of the country.

7th. It has defied all attempts at its regulation. Social ostracism has failed to regulate; moral suasion has proven ineffectual; and taxation only fosters and protects it. We can see only one remedy—the prohibition of its manufacture and sale. This policy has been adopted by some few States, and very many counties throughout the country, with happy results. So marked are they that the whole land is beginning to look to prohibition for final relief from the rum curse.

All that is needed to obtain prohibition is the one idea—perseverance. This being our conviction, therefore be it resolved,

1. That we as pastors and laymen, will faithfully endeavor to administer the laws of our church regarding the subject of temperance.

2. That we will also do the best we can, until we gain our point, by preaching upon temperance, and by prayer and work and vote to make our glorious old State a prohibition State; thus placing

her in the rank with Georgia, seventy-five counties which make their boast that intoxicating liquors cannot be bought, begged or stolen within their bounds, and where peace and prohibition are regnant, and law is enforced and order observed.

3. That we request the Alabama Advocate, the organ of the two conferences in Alabama, to publish this report, that the people of the State and general public may know the general sentiment of this conference on the subject of prohibition, and give us their hearty co-operation in driving the ruin fiend out of our State forever.

L. F. WHITTEN, Ch'm'n.

It was moved to amend by striking out the word vote. Upon the division the vote stood, in favor of amendment, 12; against, 93. The report was then adopted as above.

The announcement of the Centennial Committee was made, as follows:

CENTENARY OF AMERICAN METHODISM.

The Centenary conference committee met according to appointment, Thursday, November 15, 1883, at 3 o'clock, p. m., in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the city of Birmingham, Alabama.

On motion, Rev. Anson West, D.D., was called to the Chair, as temporary Chairman.

Upon ordering the call of the district committees, the following members were present and answered to their names:

Huntsville district,	A. West, P. E.,	Rev. A. B. Jones, J. L. Rison.
Talladega	"	J. T. Morris, P. E., ———
Tuscaloosa	"	T. G. Slaughter, P. E., ———
Birmingham	"	W. C. McCoy, P. E., Rev J. W. Newman, ———
LaFayette	"	V. O. Hawkins, P. E., Rev. M. L. Whitten, W. C. Thomas.
Gadsden	"	R. A. Timmons, P. E., Rev. P. K. Brindley, ———
Florence	"	S. M. Hosmer, P. E., Rev. W. T. Andrews, W. B. Wood.
Decatur	"	L. M. Wilson, P. E., Rev. M. N. Morris, ———

The several committees constituting the Centenary Conference committee, upon permanent organization, elected the following officers: Rev. Anson West, D.D., President; Rev. A. B. Jones, Secretary; Rev. L. M. Wilson, Treasurer.

A meeting was called for a Centenary Service at night in the Methodist church, at which time addresses were delivered by

Bishop McTyeire, Bishop Hargrove and Dr. D. C. Kelly.

No further business appearing, on motion, the committee adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Saturday, Nov. 18, 1883, 3 o'clock p. m.

On call of the President, the Centenary committee assembled in the Methodist church, and on motion, appointed the last Sabbath in May, 1884, as the day for Centenary services throughout the bounds of the North Alabama Conference; and the First Sabbath in October, 1884, as the childrens Centenary day.

Dr. Anson West was elected to preach the Centennial sermon at the meeting of the next annual conference.

It was further resolved that all monies raised, be equally divided between Missions, Church Extension and Education.

Your committee would respectfully urge upon the preachers of the North Alabama conference, the necessity of giving sufficient publication of the days appointed for these services; as also, arranging interesting and profitable programmes for the entertainment and instruction of those of our people, who may meet together in celebrating the Centennial year of Methodism in America; calling upon them to contribute liberally for the cause set forth in this report. And we pray God's blessings upon the cause and the efforts being made to benefit humanity and enlarge the kingdom of Christ.

ANSON WEST, Pres't.

A. B. JONES, Sec'y.

The committee on District Conference Journals, through their chairman, the Rev. C. C. Ellis, read the following report which was ordered to record :

We regard the abbreviation "B'ham" for Birmingham, objectionable.

On page 65, H. S. Matthews is said to have reported the work on Coketon circuit, but no evidence of his relation to the circuit appears.

The same error appears on the Tuscaloosa and Ashville circuits, and Birmingham station.

On page 65, after the Jonesboro circuit, the following record occurs. "The P. C. absent. Brother W. C. McCoy reports so and so."

We cannot find out from the minutes who the P. C., of the Jonesboro circuit was. We do not find where the minutes of the morning session of the 8th date, were read and adopted by the conference. On page 72, it is said that the committee on Sunday School Programme and Quarterly conference records, reported, but the reports do not appear. The journal is clear and neat in appearance.

The journal of the Talladega district is faultless, well-arranged and neat in appearance.

The journal of the LaFayette district is a model ; correct in every particular, and reflects much credit on the excellent Secretary.

We find the journal of the Gadsden district, a model of beauty as to mechanical execution, and especially do we commend the convenient order in which the various reports and statistics are tabulated. But we must call your attention to a few slight inaccuracies. On page 8, it is stated that the time was extended, but we cannot ascertain what time is referred to, how long extended or for what purpose. The minutes of the evening session of the first day, are neither read or adopted by the conference.

We call especial attention to the journal of the Huntsville district. We do not hesitate to pronounce it faultless in every particular. The splendid penmanship, methodical arrangement, the numerous and full marginal notes, render it beautiful in appearance and most convenient for reference.

In conclusion we note with great gratification that all the district conferences are supplied with good journals for preserving their respective records, and also with men well qualified to the work of Secretaries.

C. C. ELLIS, Chm'n.

The committee on Books and Periodicals submitted the following report, which was adopted :

We, the committee on Books and Periodicals, beg to offer the following :

The influence of the press is duly recognized. The highest aim of the church cannot now be accomplished apart from the assistance of a pure standard and periodical literature. The wisest methods are those which best carry the saving truths of our holy religion into the consciousness of men. All the work of human salvation may not be expected from the teachings of the pulpit and Bible, but much may be done by a literature based upon scripture doctrine and in consonance with pulpit efforts. Written words, as spoken words, have meaning, and are not only declarative, but may be persuasive.

The soul may be addressed through the eye as well as through the ear, and as responsibility is proportioned to capacity and opportunity, the obligation rests upon us as the representatives of a large, and in part, unregenerate constituency, to do what we can by providing suitable books and periodicals. God has blessed his church by giving those of strong minds and pure hearts, who have made such interpretation of the scriptures as do not entangle, but enlighten and encourage. He has also prepared the world

for the reception of the spiritual help of these, his servants. The world is waiting to be told of God and his Christ. We are rejoiced over the prosperity of our

PUBLISHING HOUSE,

which, during the past year, has made more than one million of issues in all departments of publishing, and would suggest to the members of this body that a more liberal circulation of catalogues of the same be made among the people. We think more books would be purchased if the people had our catalogue in their homes.

As a committee, we are inclined to believe that the church will not be benefited in the long run by using the unabridged form of hymn book. We therefore recommend to all our people, that in providing themselves with a hymn book, they get the large book which has such a valuable collection of hymns.

We recommend the

NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

to our people, more than one thousand copies of which now come to this conference. There is no paper that we read, better calculated to bring the church up to the standard of holiness which God requires of his people.

THE QUARTERLY REVIEW,

edited by Dr. J. W. Hinton, at Macon, Ga., is an able exponent of American Theology. It is not strictly confined to moral subjects, but keeps abreast the age in other departments of human thought and action. It is almost perfect in its mechanical execution. We regard it as an indispensable part of our periodical literature.

We are glad to know and record the fact that the

ALABAMA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE,

is a living reality. The seventy-five thousand members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, within the limits of the State of Alabama, are now provided with an organ, which in truth and love is proclaiming to the world facts about christianity that men ought to know. It not only notices the struggles and triumphs of the word of God as committed to us, but is contending earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints. Total depravity, repentance, justification by faith, regeneration, universal atonement, witness of the spirit, Hell and Heaven, the Om-

nipotence of God, and the purity of christian purpose are all set forth from time to time in its columns. May the great Head of the church direct in the written agencies to promote his heritage.

MOSES N. MORRIS, Ch'm'n Com.

on behalf of the Com.

W. T. Patillo, the Statistical Secretary, read the answers to the following questions:

Question 21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions in the conference?

White members, 38,321; local preachers, 381.

Question 22.—How many infants have been baptized? 1,144.

Question 23.—How many adults have been baptized? 2,341.

Question 24.—What is the number of Sunday Schools? 449.

Question 25.—What is the number of Sunday School teachers? 2,210.

Question 26.—What is the number of Sunday School scholars? 20,465.

The following resolutions were read by S. M. Hosmer:

Resolved, 1st. That we, in connection with the Alabama conference, raise one hundred thousand dollars as an endowment fund for the Southern University, and that subscriptions for said purpose be taken upon the condition that they are binding and payable when the sum of forty thousand dollars is subscribed.

2nd. That all money raised in this conference for educational purposes during the Centennial year by an agent or agents for the Southern University, be applied to the endowment fund of the Southern University.

3rd. That it is the sense of this conference that an efficient agent be put in the field to raise money for the endowment of the Southern University.

4th. That in the absence of such appointment the presiding elders be considered agents for the Southern University.

5th. That one half of all the money collected for educational purposes during the Centennial year by the preachers of this conference, be applied to the Southern University, and the other half be kept and properly invested, the interest of which is to be used in the education of ministers daughters.

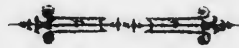
L. M. WILSON.

John A. Thompson offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That all the money collected for educational purposes during the Centennial year, within the bounds of the North Alabama conference, be equally divided between the Southern University, the Huntsville Female College, and the Athens

Female College. The amounts going to the Huntsville and the Athens Female Colleges shall be pro rated to these institutions according to the patronage of each. The sum raised shall be invested, secured by mortgage on double the amount of real estate or United States bonds, and only the interest shall be expended. Such interest shall be expended in defraying the expenses of the daughters of the preachers of this conference while at school.

Pending the discussion of this question, conference, on motion of Dr. West, adjourned, with benediction by the Bishop.



SEVENTH DAY.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 50, 1883.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by R. J. Wilson.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Conference, by a vote of 34 to 30, adopted the amendment offered by John A. Thompson with reference to the Centennial educational fund.

The resolutions were then adopted as amended.

The following resolutions were read and adopted :

Resolved, That we request the Alabama conference to appoint an agent for the Southern University, who shall be at liberty to operate in our conference, as well as the Alabama conference.

Resolved, That in the event they fail to appoint such agent, they be requested to pursue the same course we have, and appoint the presiding elders agents.

S. M. HOSMER,
L. M. WILSON.

The following resolution was read and adopted :

Resolved, That this conference endorses the action of our General conference in establishing Paine Institute, for the education of the colored people, and that we encourage the faculty and agents in their arduous and important work.

Z. A. PARKER,
S. M. HOSMER.

The following Board of Trustees was elected for the Southern University :

L. M. Wilson,	John B. Gregory,	M. V. Henry,
Jno. A. Thompson,	W. C. McCoy,	J. H. Harris,
S. M. Hosmer,	A. B. Jones,	E. A. Powell.

MISSIONARY ASSESSMENTS.

The following assessments and appropriations were made by the Board of Missions :

	For. Mis.	Dom. Mis.
Huntsville district,	\$1,275 00	\$475 00
Birmingham "	1,275 00	475 00
Tuscaloosa "	1,275 00	475 00
Talladega "	1,275 00	475 00
LaFayette "	985 00	325 00
Florence "	985 00	325 00
Gadsden "	985 00	325 00
Decatur "	985 00	325 00

APPROPRIATIONS TO DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

To Pettusville mission,	\$ 100 00
" Deposit "	100 00
" Oakville "	125 00
" Falls "	125 00
" Oleander "	200 00
" Lexington "	100 00
" Colbert "	125 00
" Burleson "	75 00
" Sipsey "	100 00
" Clear Creek "	125 00
" Buttahatchee "	150 00
" Hirds Shoal "	125 00
" Cullman "	100 00
" Anniston "	300 00
" Tallapoosa "	125 00
" Wedowee "	125 00
" Edwardsville "	125 00
" DeKalb "	150 00
" Lookout Mt'n "	100 00
" Florence district,	150 00
" Decatur "	150 00
Total.	\$2,775 00

CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Anson West, President; W. C. Hearn, Secretary; W. B. Wood, Treasurer; L. M. Wilson, J. T. Morris, R. A. Timmons, T. G. Slaughter, S. M. Hosmer, W. C. McCoy, V. O. Hawkins.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

W. C. McCoy, J. W. Newman.

HUNTSVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE.

J. B. Gregory, M. N. Morris.

ATHENS FEMALE COLLEGE.

John A. Thompson, R. T. Bentley.

CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

Anson West, President; A. B. Jones, Secretary.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

John L. Rison,	Geo. Butler,	C. C. Ellis,
L. F. Whitten,	M. L. Whitten,	J. K. P. Miller,
T. B. Bickly,	B. E. Finch,	Z. A. Parker,
M. N. Morris,	W. T. Andrews,	E. A. Powell,
W. L. Wilson,	W. C. Thomas,	D. S. McDonald,
B. F. Lea.		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

—Dr.—

To am't rec'd in the several pastoral charges during the year,	\$5,587.83
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—Cr.—

By amount paid D. S. Kelley,	\$5,681.08
" " " for exchange,	6.75
	<u>5,587.83</u>

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

—Dr.—

To balance on hand last report	\$ 369.58
" amount received from the several pastoral charges during the year,	2,858.97
	<u>3,228.55</u>

—Cr.—

By amount paid drafts,	2,750.00
" " on hand this day,	478.55
	<u>3,228.55</u>

W. B. Wood, Treas'r.

Florence, Nov. 26, 1883.

Minutes of this morning were read and approved.

Question 32.—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

This question was answered by announcing the following appointments, after which conference adjourned to meet in Talladega, at such time as may be appointed.

APPOINTMENTS.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Anson, West, P. E.

Huntsville sta. J. A. Thompson.
 Triana ct. D. A. Burris.
 Viena ct. H. Rogers, J. T. Bar-
 tee, Sup.
 Deposit miss. H. I. Dupree.
 Stevenson ct. M. F. Daniel.
 Scottsboro sta. L. F. Whitten.
 Larkinville ct. C. C. O'Neal.
 Paint Rock ct. M. E. Johnston.
 Maysville ct. Jas. H. Leslie.
 New Market ct. W. E. Cameron
 Meridianville ct. G W Hamilton
 Pettusville miss. W J Canterbury
 Athens sta. John B. Gregory.
 Limestone ct. A. S. Whitehurst
 Madison sta. S. V. Blythe.
 Huntsville Female College, A. B
 Jones, president.
 Athens Female College, W. A
 Rogers.

DECATUR DISTRICT.

W. C McCoy, P. E.

Decatur sta. R T Bentley,
 Courtland sta. M N Morris.
 Russellville ct. J. S. Davis.
 Trinity ct. J W Shoemaker.
 Town Creek ct. J. L. Coleman.
 Leighton ct. M G Williams.
 Moulton ct. G G Smith.
 Oakville miss. Wilson Williams.
 Danville ct. J. T. Miller.
 Hartsell ct. E W Jones.
 Somerville ct. G F Boyd.
 Falls miss. J. S. Marks.
 Oleander miss. H. P. Berry.

GADSDEN DISTRICT.

R. A. Timmons, P. E.

Gadsden sta. Z. A. Parker.
 Gadsden ct. M. J. Law.
 Center ct. P. K. Brindley.
 Cedar Bluff ct. D. L. Parish.
 Lookout Mountain miss. J. A.
 Neely.
 Attalla ct. C. W. Jacobs.
 Van Buren ct. I. Q. Melton.
 South Hill ct. W. D. Nicholson.
 Walnut Grove ct. R. D. Carver.

Langston ct. Paul T. McWhorter
 DeKalb miss. J. M. Dobbs.
 Valley Head ct. J. I. Williams.
 Guntersville sta. T. A. Kerr.
 Island Creek, ct. J. W. Norton,
 Warrenton ct. W. O. Horton.
 Blountsville ct. H. S. Matthews.
 District High School at Collins-
 ville, M. K. Clements.

TALLADEGA DISTRICT.

J. T. Morris, P. E.

Talladega sta. W. C. Hearn.
 Talladega ct. M. L. Whitten.
 Mumford ct. W. McD Howell.
 Oxford ct. W. E. Mabry.
 Alexandria ct. C. L. Dobbs.
 Anniston sta. T. H. Deavenport,
 Ohatchee ct. D. D. Warlick.
 Cross Plains ct. W. A. Montgom-
 ery.
 Ball Play ct. R. F. Winston.
 Coosa Valley ct. S. P. West.
 Harpersville ct. S. R. Emerson.
 Columbiana ct. J. G. Walker.
 Fayetteville ct. F. T. J. Brandon.
 Plantersville ct. R. N. Ledbetter.
 Chandler Springs ct. R M Howell.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.

V. O. Hawkins, P. E.

La Fayette sta. C C Ellis.
 Oak Bowery ct. S H Dimon.
 Camp Hill ct. T B McCain.
 Dadeville and Alexander City, L
 R. Bell, J. N. Dupree.
 Socapatoy ct. J L Fergurson.
 Weogufka ct. W E Herndon.
 Davistown miss. R W Anderson.
 Lineville ct. W T Pattillo.
 Abernathy ct. W P Groover.
 Wedowee miss. J T Millican,
 Lounia ct. J E McCain.
 Roanoke ct. W M P Rippey.
 Fredonia ct. T K Tierce,
 Pinkeyville ct. R W Coons.
 Edwardsville and Heflin, to be
 supplied by C M Livingston.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

L. M. Wilson, P. E.

Birmingham sta. J W Newman.
 Birmingham ct, J B Stevenson.
 Elyton and Oxmoor, E Nicholson.

Jonesboro ct, T P Roberts.
 Jones Valley ct. B. F. Lea.
 Coketon and Wesley ch, J D. Simpson. G. R. Lynch. J. S. Brittain, Sup.

Coketon ct, A. G. Copeland.
 Tuscaloosa ct, R. S. Hullett.
 Ashville ct, J. W. Tucker.
 Pelham ct, T. M. Wilson.
 Blount Springs ct. N H Self.
 Murphree's Valley ct, R J Wilson
 Montevallo ct, R A Thompson.
 Cullman miss, G. W Crutcher.

TUSCALOOSA DISTRICT.

T. G. Slaughter, P. E.

Tuscaloosa sta. Alonzo Monk.
 North Port sta. J. F. Goldman
 North Port ct. J. C. Persinger.
 Romulus ct. J. H. Hamilton.
 Sipsey miss. to be supplied.
 Carrollton ct. D S McDonald.
 Yorkville ct Olin W Samples
 Gordo ct J S Glasgow
 Sheffield ct J T Coleman

Fayette Court House J J Crow
 New River ct L M Powell
 Luxapalia ct E L Finch
 Vernon ct D W Ward
 Buttahatchee miss. D. H. Carmichael.
 Clear Creek miss. to be supplied.
 Jasper ct G L Hewett.
 Hirdes Shoal miss. to be supplied
 Godfrey High School, R G Isbell,
 Principal.

FLORENCE DISTRICT.

S. M. Hosmer, P. E.

Florence sta, W T Andrews.
 Valley sta, I M Blanton.
 Waterloo ct, W A Randle.
 Oakland ct, F K Hewlett.
 Cypress ct, C P Sullivan.
 Center Star ct, G M G Dunkin.
 Lexington miss, P P Riley,
 Lentzville ct, E F S Roberts.
 Tuscumbia sta. Thos. Armstrong
 Colbert miss, Joe B Gregory,
 Pleasant Site ct, T W Hayes.
 Burleson miss. D. N. Patterson.
 Bexar ct, R A Speer.
 State Normal School, Hardie
 Brown. president.
 Transferred to Tennessee Conference, R. T. Nabors.
 Transferred to Florida Conference
 John R. Sharpe.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

There are nineteen missions, ten of which were served by members of the conference, the remaining nine by local preachers, employed by presiding elders. The Birmingham City mission and the Warrior mission, have been attached to adjoining appointments, the others are continued.

From statistics furnished, the aggregates are as follows :

Number of members.....	4,546.
Accessions during the year.....	740.
Number in Sunday Schools.....	2,298.
" of adults baptized.....	413.
" infants ".....	126.
Raised for foreign missions.....	\$236 15.
" " domestic ".....	155 95.
" " conference collections.....	74 65.

From information obtained, we may safely report these missions in a prosperous condition.

W. C. HEARN, Sec'y.

➤APPENDIX.◀

CLASS OF THE FIRST YEAR.

Thomas Armstrong, Thomas M. Wilson, Rodolphus S. Hullett, Sylvester V. Blythe, John W. Norton, Wyley O. Horton, Robert M. Howell, Drury D. Warlick, William A. Randle, Philander P. Riley, Eugene L. Finch, William F. Herndon, John T. Millican, Melodius F. Daniel, Henry I. Dupree, C. P. Sullivan.

CLASS OF THE SECOND YEAR.

D. L. Parish, Joseph B. Gregory, William P. Groover, D. H. Carmichael.

CLASS OF THE THIRD YEAR.

D. M. Powell, James S. Glasgow, J. J. Crow, W. J. Canterbury, Daniel A. Burns, Henry S. Matthews, S. P. West.

CLASS OF THE FOURTH YEAR.

Thos. W. Hayes, Robert A. Speer, Fernando K. Hewlett, Joseph I. Williams, Thos. K. Tierce, T. B. McCain, Paul T. McWhorter, Charles W. Jacobs.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Thos. H. Deavenport, E. W. Jones, M. G. Williams.

FIRST YEAR

V. O. Hawkins, J. B. Gregory, F. T. J. Brandon.

SECOND YEAR.

M. L. Whitten, A. B. Jones, S. M. Hosmer.

THIRD YEAR.

J. W. Newman, L. F. Whitten, C. C. Ellis.

FOURTH YEAR.

W. T. Pattillo, J. T. Morris, W. C. McCoy.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

H. N. McTYEIRE, President; JNO. A. THOMPSON, Secretary; THOS. A. KERR, and JOHN L. RISON, Assistants; WILLIAM T. PATTILLO, Statistical Secretary.

PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.

John A. Thompson, President; Thos. H. Deavenport, Secretary;
Thos. P. Roberts, Treasurer.

TRUSTEES SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

L. M. Wilson,	M. V. Henry,	A. B. Jones,
Jno. A. Thompson,	S. M. Hosmer,	A. E. Powell,
W. C. McCoy,	J. B. Gregory,	J. H. Harris.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

Jno. A. Thompson, President; V. O. Hawkins, Secretary
and Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

F. T. J. Brandon, President; W. L. Wilson, Vice President;
George Butler, Treasurer; John B. Gregory, Secretary; Jno. L.
Ferguson, M. E. Johnston, C. D. Oliver, F. P. Randle, Jno. R.
Kennedy, C. A. Allday, J. T. Coleman, W. B. Wood.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS

FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

The Bible—History and Biography; the Discipline; Wesley's
Sermons.

FOR ELDER'S ORDERS.

The Bible—Doctrines; The Discipline; Manual of Discipline;
Fletcher's Checks; Smith's Elements of Divinity.

FOR TRAVELLING PREACHERS.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Ser-
mons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit;
Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English Educa-
tion.

FIRST YEAR.

The Bible, in reference to its Historical and Biographical parts,
and its Chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to
chapter I., Sections 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, Chapters I.
and II.; McTyeire's Catechism on Church Government; Wes-
ley's Sermons, Vol. I.; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Wat-
son's Institutes, Part IV.; Preacher's Manual; an original ser-
mon on Repentance, of not less than four pages foolscap. written
by the candidate.

SECOND YEAR.

The Bible in reference to its Prophetical parts ; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II.; Watson's Institutes, Part III.; Smith's Elements of Divinity ; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapters II., III., and IV.; Manual of Discipline, Chapters III. and IV.; Broadus on the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons ; an original sermon on Justification by Faith, of not less than four pages foolscap, written by the candidate.

THIRD YEAR.

The Bible, in reference to the life of Christ ; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III.; Watson's Institutes, Part II.; Jevon's Lessons in Logic ; River's Mental Philosophy ; Edgar's Variations of Popery ; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter V. to the end ; Manual of Discipline, Chapter V., VI., and VII., an original sermon on the Witness of the Spirit, of not less than four pages of foolscap, written by the candidate.

FOURTH YEAR.

The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles ; their analysis and design ; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV.; Watson's Institutes Part I.; Powell on Apostolical Succession ; Rivers Moral Philosophy ; Blackburn's History of the Christian Church ; Summers on Baptism ; Book of Discipline reviewed ; Manual of Discipline, Chapters VIII. and IX.; an original sermon on Regeneration, of not less than four pages foolscap, written by the candidate.



»Summary of Proceedings.«

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial ?

Philip P. Riley, William A. Randle, Eugene L. Finch, William F. Herndon, John T. Millican, Melodious F. Daniel, Henry I. Dupree, Thomas Armstrong, Thomas M. Wilson, Rosdolphus S. Hullett, Sylvester V. Blythe, John W. Norton, Wyley O. Horton, Robt. M. Howell, C. P. Sullivan, Drury D. Warlick, J. C. Persinger.

Question 2. Who remain on trial ?

David L. Parish, Joseph B. Gregory, William P. Groover, D. H. Carmicheal.

Question 3. Who are discontinued ?

Derrell Harrison, Hiram G. Davis, at their own request.

Question 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

David A. Burns, Sam. P. West, R. W. Anderson, H. S. Matthews, G. G. Smith.

Question 5. Who are readmitted ?

John F. Goldman, William C. Hearn, William A. Montgomery
Milliard J. Law, Stephen H. Dimon.

Question 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Alonzo Monk, W. A. Rodgers, R. H. Rodgers, John D. Simpson, W. M. P. Rippey.

Question 7. Who are the deacons of one year ?

F. K. Hewlett, Thomas W. Hayes, J. I. Williams, T. B. McCain, J. S. Glasgow, P. T. McWhorter, O. W. Samples, J. J. Crow, C. W. Jacobs, W. J. Canterbury, R. A. Speer.

Question 8. What traveling Preachers are elected deacons?

David A. Burns, S. P. Wests, H. S. Matthews, and they were ordained.

Question 10. What local preachers are elected deacons ?

B. H. O. Cochran, S. V. Blythe, H. C. Simmons, Robt. M. Howell, G. W. Sims, R. S. Hullett, R. P. McElwreath, T. M. Wilson, J. H. L. Davis, J. G. Hines, H. W. Garlington, H. I. Dupree.

Question 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons ?

Samuel Phillips, R. M. Howell, H. C. Simmons, R. H. Hullett, R. P. McElwreath, T. M. Wilson, J. G. Hines, T. J. McCain, H. W. Garlington, H. I. Dupree, S. V. Blythe.

Question 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders ?

Geo. W. Crutcher, A. S. Whitehurst, G. F. Boyd, J. H. Leslie, R. A. Thompson, G. L. Hewitt, M. K. Clements, and they were ordained.

Question 16. Who are located this year?

James W. Spencer, James E. Andrews, J. C. Hnnkapiller.

Question 17. Who are Supernunerary ?

James. T. Bartee, J. L. Brittain, J. N. Dupree.

Question 18. Who are Superanuated ?

Uriah Williams, C. Godbey, G. J. Mason. J. N. Glover, C. D. Oliver, J. T. Curry, C. S. D. Lassiter, W. R. Kirk, Daniel Duncan.

Question 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits stations and Missions of the Conference ?

Local preachers, 381; white members—.

Question 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year ?

1.144.

Question 23. How many adults have been baptized during the past year ?

2.341.

Question 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools ?

447.

Question 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers ?

2.201.

Question 26. What is the number of Sunday school scholars ?

20.522.

Question 27. Collected on Conference Funds, \$2.135.30, and applied to claimants.

Question 29. What has been contributed for Missions ?

Foreign \$6,804.40. Domestic \$2,876.60. Total \$9,780.00.

ERRATA—On page 9, in answer to question 7th, at the end of last line in the paragraph, for 3rd year read 4th year.

On page 24, second line from the bottom, for Mrs. P. L. Anderson, read Mrs. P. L. Henderson.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Pastoral Charges.	Local Pr's.	White Members.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Sunday Sc's	Teachers.	Scholars.	Moneys Expended.	Churches.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Claimants.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Paid P. E.	Paid P. C.
Huntsville Station...	1	410	22	...	1	46	360	\$ 67 25	1	\$25,000	1	\$2,000	\$28 00	\$64 00	\$216 00	\$ 71 00	\$250 00	\$1,200 00
Meridianville Circuit...	...	306	1	13	4	24	160	10 40	6	3,110	1	500	9 60	24 00	59 45	25 00	66 25	333 90
Madison Station...	1	135	6	...	1	6	125	34 00	1	1,500	1	175	7 85	1 55	14 50	5 00	55 10	395 00
Triana Circuit.....	...	108	2	10	3	12	52	12 00	4	1,200	...	...	8 10	20 25	60 75	37 75	70 00	280 00
Limestone Circuit.....	...	367	8	40	3	12	170	15 00	4	2,400	1	350	10 95	28 90	86 60	30 80	96 70	386 75
Athens Station.....	3	152	2	3	1	15	90	15 70	1	8,000	...	...	12 50	32 75	95 00	34 00	110 00	600 00
Pettusville Mission...	5	287	2	25	7	28	250	5 00	5	1,450	...	...	3 00	...	...	2 00	7 50	37 85
Maysville Circuit...	...	190	11	22	4	28	194	10 50	3	2,400	...	...	7 80	3 30	5 50	...	41 00	175 00
Deposit Mission.....	2	400	5	37	6	35	205	23 00	6	3,000	...	...	4 30	4 85	21 00	8 30	32 95	119 80
Larkinsville Circuit..	2	397	2	15	3	9	175	3 25	6	1,400	...	...	10 95	7 00	17 40	7 00	44 00	204 50
Scottsboro Station.....	1	184	7	55	1	10	145	16 25	1	1,500	1	2,000	6 75	17 40	51 95	18 50	60 00	500 00
Stevenson Circuit.....	2	400	8	22	3	18	125	13 00	1	350	1	450	3 00	9 00	10 00	7 50	34 30	170 95
Paint Rock Circuit...	1	231	...	20	1	5	45	9 40	2	1,300	1	800	1 50	5 25	7 00	4 00	22 00	97 95
New Market Circuit..	1	225	7	17	4	12	160	13 00	5	1,200	1	1,000	9 50	24 00	73 00	26 00	50 00	360 00
Vienna Circuit.....	1	596	24	12	6	34	200	15 50	11	3,410	1	300	10 20	6 00	20 00	10 00	58 15	291 75
Total.....	19	4388	107	291	48	294	2456	263 25	57	57,220	9	7,575	134 00	248 25	741 15	286 85	1004 95	5,154 45

DECATUR DISTRICT.

Decatur Station.....	2	100	...	...	1	14	90	\$ 17 00	1	\$ 3,000	1	\$ 800	\$12 00	\$35 00	\$ 75 10	\$ 50 00	\$ 85 80	\$ 430 00
Courtland Station.....	...	45	...	...	1	4	25	5 50	1	2,000	...	...	6 50	10 00	...	10 00	50 50	202 00
Russellville Circuit...	5	387	4	13	3	9	90	6 65	4	2,500	1	200	12 00	25 00	100 00	33 00	44 15	264 85
Trinity Circuit.....	3	266	7	8	4	16	212	39 40	4	3,618	...	...	10 50	30 70	100 00	30 00	100 00	600 00
Town Creek Circuit..	2	191	4	10	2	8	65	8 00	3	1,970	1	630	12 00	30 60	100 00	46 50	75 00	400 00
Leighton Circuit.....	3	185	2	13	3	12	140	13 00	4	3,000	1	800	10 00	38 00	100 00	37 65	52 60	400 00
Moulton Circuit.....	1	282	1	13	3	6	60	8 00	5	2,200	1	800	12 00	22 25	75 00	50 00	38 05	152 20
Oakville Mission.....	3	329	6	17	4	13	133	2 40	7	1,150	1	150	5 00	8 25	26 05	26 00	19 95	150 50
Danville Circuit.....	4	467	5	9	3	14	140	6 30	6	1,600	...	...	7 00	30 00	70 00	50 00	64 95	258 00
Hartsell Circuit.....	6	351	7	11	6	41	516	41 55	5	3,100	1	800	7 25	8 00	55 00	35 00	60 15	400 00
Somerville Circuit.....	9	670	10	61	8	30	400	60 00	6	3,500	1	400	10 00	35 00	267 00	75 00	100 00	430 00
Falls Mission.....	3	167	...	40	4	8	100	...	4	400	...	...	5 00	...	185 00	38 20	12 50	72 45
Oleander Mission.....	...	58	1	8	1	5	32	...	1	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 65	21 00
Total.....	41	3498	47	203	43	180	2002	207 80	51	28,168	8	4,580	109 25	272 80	1000 00	500 00	713 30	3,731 00

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TUSCALOOSA DISTRICT.

Pastoral Charges.	Local Pr'e's.	White Members.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Sunday Sc's.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Moneys Expended.	Churches.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Claimants.	Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions.	Paid P. E.	Paid P. C.
Tuscaloosa Station...	..	190	6	4	1	16	94	\$ 40 00	1	\$ 8,000	1	\$2,000	\$20 00	\$46 00	\$282 10	\$112 85	\$200 00	\$1,200 00
Northport Station....	4	147	4	5	1	11	88	33 60	1	2,000	..	.....	15 00	30 00	100 00	50 00	75 00	650 00
Northport Circuit.....	4	262	9	7	4	15	100	12 00	6	1,400	..	.....	5 70	5 00	45 00	20 00	11 90	109 25
Romulus Circuit.....	..	350	...	...	4	12	150	10 00	5	1,000	..	.....	5 00	10 00	25 00	20 00	33 30	166 65
Sipsey Mission.....	2	133	1	3	1	2	15	.....	6	500	1	116	1 00	1 00	9 25	.....	8 85	42 95
Carrollton Circuit.....	2	438	6	5	5	27	252	32 90	8	8,120	1	875	10 00	36 25	98 20	53 35	120 25	445 25
Yorkville Circuit.	6	451	26	46	4	20	105	7 35	5	750	1	600	10 00	25 00	85 00	42 20	80 00	352 35
Gordo Circuit.....	1	554	47	29	5	18	225	37 50	7	2,050	.....	.....	12 50	36 00	92 50	40 00	83 35	400 00
Sheffiled Circuit.....	5	190	14	18	5	16	192	12 00	7	1,800	.....	.....	10 00	9 00	60 00	35 00	61 20	355 10
Fayette Circuit.	4	392	4	4	4	19	203	16 75	8	1,850	1	800	10 00	23 05	55 00	30 00	36 70	229 50
Luxapalila Circuit...	9	716	18	46	7	14	140	12 50	10	2,010	1	65	10 00	18 00	60 00	30 00	67 10	357 95
Vernon Circuit.....	3	390	15	24	3	12	90	6 00	7	3,304	1	400	5 00	28 00	80 00	40 00	65 50	329 60
Buttahatchee Mission	1	297	12	12	4	14	120	1 00	4	400	..	.....	5 00	7 00	22 50	13 00	15 00	75 00
Clear Creek Mission..	7	191	8	18	2	6	90	10 00	2	800	..	.....	5 00	7 25	10 00	10 00	10 50	63 25
Jasper Circuit.. ..	2	350	15	30	4	16	154	15 00	6	2,500	1	800	10 00	20 00	60 00	30 00	58 50	329 25
Hirde's Shoal Mission	1	62	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	5	672	..	.....	.....	1 50	7 00	.....	5 80	36 70
Total.....	51	5113	185	251	54	228	2018	245 70	88	37,056	8	5656	134 20	303 00	1103 55	536 40	932 95	5,142 80

LaFAYETTE DISTRICT.

La Fayette Station ...	1	121	1	2	1	16	98	\$ 53 50	1	\$ 4,200	2	\$2,200	\$13 00	\$32 00	\$200 00	\$ 42 00	\$ 92 50	\$ 650 00
Oak Bowery Circuit..	5	448	21	14	4	35	265	55 15	4	5,750	1	700	13 00	41 00	125 00	42 00	92 50	500 00
Camp Hill.....	2	357	9	32	6	23	160	19 25	6	1,550	1	350	6 00	8 00	30 00	11 85	42 95	344 40
Dadeville & Alex City	3	300	14	24	3	31	280	60 00	3	4,000	1	600	10 25	10 00	55 00	25 00	75 00	500 00
Socopatoy City.....	3	412	16	16	4	26	211	25 15	4	2,600	1	500	10 00	21 00	57 00	20 50	62 80	418 60
Weogufka City.....	2	458	6	14	5	18	168	5 00	7	1,225	1	225	5 00	5 00	18 50	9 00	34 00	212 00
Tallapoosa Mission...	3	338	8	52	4	24	95	25 00	4	1,900	1	100	3 50	7 00	22 00	30 00	20 75	175 45
Lineville Circuit.....	6	529	13	53	5	28	266	61 25	5	2,000	1	800	9 00	20 00	84 25	30 00	70 00	550 00
Abernathy Circuit....	14	563	5	40	4	25	200	5 00	12	1,550	1	285	3 20	7 00	23 00	8 85	32 60	275 40
Wedowee Mission....	2	255	9	4	2	12	75	4 60	2	500	1	500	3 50	5 00	19 00	7 00	17 50	157 25
Louina Circuit	3	380	15	20	3	9	119	13 00	5	1,100	1	300	6 00	16 00	50 00	20 00	50 00	325 00
Roanoke Circuit.....	7	536	17	56	7	43	327	39 35	4	5,000	1	1,500	10 00	24 00	80 00	32 00	75 00	600 00
Fredonia Circuit	5	341	19	4	3	9	70	5 00	2	1,350	.....	.....	6 00	15 00	46 45	17 00	41 40	265 40
Pinckneyville Circuit	4	605	6	13	6	25	325	27 00	6	3,150	1	700	10 00	20 00	60 00	30 00	50 00	290 85
Total	60	5644	169	344	57	323	2659	398 25	65	35,875	14	8,760	108 30	231 00	870 20	282 90	756 95	5,264 35

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

Birmingham Station.	4	512	7	10	1	2	325	\$121 55	2	\$25,500	2	\$9,500	\$40 00	100 00	\$320 00	\$130 00	\$400 00	\$ 1600 00
Birmingham Cty Miss	5	59	..	1	1	1	60	35 60	1	1,000	..	.....	3 00	8 00	25 00	10 00	30 00	112 50
Elyton & Oxmore		98	4	3	2	11	95	35 00	1	1,000	..	.....	8 00	15 00	35 00	15 00	65 00	450 00
Birmingham Circuit.	4	294	16	2	4	2	219	38 75	4	4,400	1	350	10 00	34 15	82 80	47 50	91 55	551 25
Jones Valley Circuit .	7	572	17	14	8	37	280	38 40	7	4,800	1	1,200	10 40	28 45	153 15	34 00	77 40	426 25
Jonesboro Circuit	1	450	7	6	6	27	263	27 00	7	5,000	1	500	10 00	30 00	60 00	30 00	80 00	500 15
Coketon Circuit.....	8	353	38	20	6	37	350	32 00	6	1,150	..	.....	10 00	25 00	40 00	34 00	72 55	300 60
Tuscaloosa Circuit	2	430	3	33	8	35	325	25 00	4	525	1	550	10 00	15 00	25 00	16 25	72 25	361 15
Ashville Circuit.	6	532	10	15	5	18	249	50 00	8	5,350	1	500	10 00	20 00	70 00	34 00	87 25	468 80
Pelham Circuit.	6	441	4	13	6	20	300	25 00	8	3,000	1	500	8 00	10 00	.....	.....	38 70	241 90
Blount Springs Circuit	4	360	14	23	4	13	185	26 00	5	1,250	1	350	10 00	17 00	38 60	20 00	57 50	301 95
Murphree's Valley Ct.	11	749	11	39	10	49	464	27 65	9	4,500	1	450	10 00	27 00	160 00	34 00	95 00	584 00
Montevallo Circuit...	1	80	..	..	2	12	109	45 75	2	1,700	1	500	8 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	26 60	253 85
Cullman Mission	11	391	6	24	5	15	184	45 00	3	120	..	.....	3 00	8 00	1 75	.....	7 75	260 00
Warrior Mission	1	165	6	8	2	6	82	.....	3	525	..	.....	2 00	.....	9 80	.....	11 00	79 50
Total.....	71	5486	143	211	70	334	3481	572 70 70	59,820	11	14,400	152 40	342 60	1024 10	393 75	1212 55	6491 90	

TALLADEGA DISTRICT.

Talladega Station.....	..	175	..	11	1	20	130	\$ 56 00	1	\$10,000	2	\$4,000	\$20 00	\$52 00	\$100 00	\$ 40 00	\$125 00	\$ 750 00
Talladega Circuit	2	445	7	1	3	10	95	27 00	4	3,500	1	350	15 00	25 00	65 00	10 00	65 25	389 00
Mumford Circuit	3	224	4	4	5	12	150	11 40	3	2,500	1	600	10 00	26 00	75 00	31 45	67 40	404 50
Oxford Circuit.....	3	527	3	..	4	40	210	60 00	4	10,500	..	.....	12 50	27 55	104 00	38 95	98 10	588 10
Alexandria Circuit...	5	354	5	30	3	26	116	35 50	5	2,700	1	800	17 00	45 00	132 70	50 00	94 90	559 75
Anniston Mission.....	2	112	3	15	1	11	100	20 00	1	1,800	..	.....	3 00	2 00	7 00	.....	20 00	150 00
Ohatchee Circuit	5	400	7	12	6	36	169	12 60	5	1,950	..	.....	5 00	5 00	32 75	8 00	23 00	139 25
Cross Plains Circuit...	8	462	17	42	4	17	160	21 25	4	3,000	1	400	8 00	25 00	54 00	30 00	52 85	314 10
Ball Play Circuit.....	1	282	8	24	4	20	189	10 00	5	2,500	1	500	5 00	10 00	23 55	8 00	34 00	203 85
Coosa Valley Circuit	5	286	4	20	6	18	240	20 00	5	1,000	..	.....	5 00	10 00	25 00	20 00	29 65	178 15
Harpersville Circuit..	3	594	34	55	6	32	367	65 00	4	4,000	1	1,000	15 00	35 00	100 00	40 00	110 00	635 00
Columbiana Circuit..	5	476	4	32	8	23	270	50 00	9	3,475	1	450	10 00	25 00	75 00	30 00	79 60	477 50
Fayetteville Circuit...	2	379	2	10	4	21	162	47 00	4	7,000	1	1,000	15 00	41 25	100 00	40 00	87 10	522 45
Plantersville Circuit..	1	184	..	2	2	5	35	4 00	2	1,200	..	80	5 00	16 50	36 00	20 50	41 35	247 00
Chandler's Spring Ct.	5	420	53	12	5	15	200	10 00	4	1,250	..	.....	5 00	10 00	50 00	15 00	40 20	240 50
Total.....	50	5320	151	270	62	396	2575	449 75 60	56,225	10	9,180	150 50	355 30	980 00	381 90	968 40	5799 15	

GADSDEN DISTRICT.

Pastoral Charges.	Local Pr'e's.	White Members.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Sunday Sc's	Teachers.	Scholars.	Moneys Expended.	Churches.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Claimants.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Paid P. E.	Paid P. C.
Gadsden Station.....	4	300	4	7	1	18	150	\$ 64 90	1	\$ 4,000	2	\$2,800	\$12 00	\$28 00	\$110 00	\$ 45 00	\$150 00	\$ 900 00
Gadsden Circuit.....	2	453	6	20	5	20	280	15 00	5	2,650	1	600	9 00	22 00	70 00	25 00	56 35	337 65
Center Circuit.....	3	408	10	8	5	25	210	19 00	6	4,000	1	800	9 00	15 00	40 00	12 00	51 75	310 00
Cedar Bluff Circuit....	4	586	14	55	6	28	263	18 85	7	4,000	1	600	8 50	22 50	70 00	31 50	60 70	364 30
Lookout M. Mission..	4	420	31	28	6	35	245	18 75	7	1,209	..	.....	3 00	8 05	21 00	.....	22 10	148 10
Attalla Circuit.....	3	372	13	20	6	35	322	50 00	5	1,500	1	325	8 00	14 00	50 00	20 00	45 05	279 10
Van Buren Circuit...	4	419	4	25	5	20	225	35 00	6	2,750	1	300	10 00	22 50	70 00	30 00	63 00	380 00
Bristoe's Cove Circuit	1	185	8	15	3	10	120	9 10	6	1,300	..	.....	3 00	5 00	10 00	6 65	22 20	134 00
South Hill Circuit....	8	325	11	18	6	42	343	33 15	3	800	1	200	4 00	9 00	30 00	10 00	32 90	201 25
Langston Circuit.....	4	240	5	43	2	7	70	8 00	3	1,330	1	100	6 00	3 60	7 10	6 05	60 00	420 00
Dekalb Mission.....	1	92	..	9	3	10	119	5 00	2	535	..	.....	2 00	2 00	5 00	.....	5 00	23 40
Valley Head Mission..	4	375	45	47	4	20	365	17 50	4	700	1	250	6 00	18 00	40 00	20 00	37 00	225 00
Guntersville Station..	2	62	..	2	1	10	80	17 00	1	1,500	1	900	10 00	22 50	71 00	30 00	76 00	530 00
Island Creek Circuit..	4	192	11	10	5	13	160	6 45	1	250	1	120	4 00	5 00	13 05	6 00	27 00	192 00
Warrenton Circuit....	2	214	2	3	4	13	175	10 00	3	425	1	200	4 00	6 00	15 65	7 70	28 20	169 50
Blountsville Circuit..	5	394	7	5	4	26	186	18 35	6	1,650	1	400	9 00	6 10	22 35	13 65	57 30	344 00
Total.....	55	5011	171	315	66	335	3313	346 05	66	28,490	14	7,595	209 50	209 75	645 15	263 60	794 55	4,628 40

FLORENCE DISTRICT.

Florence Station.....	3	230	12	25	1	21	227	\$ 45 30	1	\$ 5,000	2	\$3,500	\$16 00	\$35 25	\$ 70 00	\$ 45 85	\$120 00	\$ 600 00
Tusculumbia Station...	1	166	..	1	1	8	73	15 00	1	4,000	1	1,000	13 75	16 00	40 15	20 10	75 90	389 00
Valley Station Circuit	1	187	5	6	1	6	100	11 10	3	4,250	1	1,000	11 50	12 00	42 00	20 00	71 00	366 10
Waterloo Circuit.....	2	227	7	19	5	23	296	18 10	4	825	1	275	7 35	12 40	21 00	23 70	43 80	221 65
Oakland Circuit.....	5	360	11	73	4	25	231	23 85	4	3,000	1	400	9 40	20 50	71 35	26 65	65 05	325 45
Cypress Circuit.....	2	436	8	17	3	11	66	2 95	7	1,800	1	400	7 55	5 90	10 85	7 90	50 55	240 05
Center Star Circuit...	..	268	16	43	4	16	120	7 00	2	750	1	250	7 50	18 00	23 00	22 85	55 75	278 70
Lexington Mission....	2	276	5	10	1	5	60	4 15	9	665	1	300	2 75	1 20	4 00	8 35	15 15	75 75
Lentzville Circuit.....	5	428	36	75	6	30	219	9 20	4	1,350	1	250	10 00	7 05	25 00	1 85	30 40	159 90
Colbert Mission.....	1	202	19	21	5	12	130	8 00	1	200	..	.....	2 67	7 50	17 75	10 00	15 15	6 10
Pleasant Site Circuit..	4	334	16	17	5	14	206	4 80	9	2,500	1	300	8 90	16 25	45 00	15 00	44 45	235 70
Burleson Mission.....	1	237	4	94	2	6	60	.....	..	.....	..	.....	2 05	.....	.....	1 30	5 50	27 75
Bexar Circuit.....	7	570	32	55	9	24	225	18 30	8	1,600	1	350	8 80	20 50	55 00	20 00	62 60	314 25
Total.....	34	3867	171	456	47	201	2017	172 75	50	25,940	12	8,025	108 75	172 50	425 50	223 55	654 10	3,300 40

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Local Pr's.	White Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Sunday Sc's	Teachers.	Scholars.	Moneys Expended.	Churches.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Claimants.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Paid P. E.	Paid P. C.
Huntsville ..	19	4,388	291	107	48	294	2,456	\$ 263 25	57	\$57,220 00	9	\$ 7,575	\$134 00	\$248 25	\$ 741 15	\$ 286 85	\$1,004 95	\$5,154 45
Talladega...	50	5,320	270	151	62	306	2,575	449 75	60	56,225 00	10	9,180	150 50	355 30	980 00	381 90	968 40	5,799 15
Tuscaloosa ..	51	5,113	251	185	54	228	2,018	245 70	88	87,056 00	8	5,656	134 20	303 05	1,103 55	536 40	932 95	5,142 80
Birmingham	71	5,486	211	143	70	334	3,481	572 70	70	59,820 00	11	14,400	152 40	342 60	1,024 10	393 75	1,212 55	6,491 90
LaFayette...	60	5,644	344	169	57	323	2,659	398 25	65	35,875 00	14	8,760	108 30	231 00	870 20	282 90	756 95	5,264 35
Gadsden	55	5,011	315	171	66	335	3,313	346 05	66	28,490 00	14	7,595	107 50	209 75	645 15	263 60	794 55	4,928 40
Florence.....	34	3,861	456	171	47	201	2,017	172 75	50	25,940 00	12	8,025	108 75	172 55	425 50	223 55	654 10	3,340 00
Decatur.....	41	3,498	203	47	43	180	2,003	207 80	51	28,168 70	8	4,580	109 25	272 80	1,000 00	500 00	713 30	3,731 00
Total	381	38,321	2,341	1,144	447	2,201	20,522	2,656 25	507	378,794 70	86	65,771	1004 90	2135 30	6,804 40	2,876 60	7,037 75	39,852 05
Last year....	380	36,577	2,145	1,217	437	2,343	19,596	2,753 20	506	285,865 00	79	49,315	1052 85	2052*85	5,335 05	2,976 40	6,404 85	37,716 70
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From Nov. 1870, to Nov. 1882.

The North Alabama Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized in Gadsden, Alabama, November 16, 1870, by Bishop Robert Paine. Dr. John G. Wilson, then President of the Huntsville Female College, now presiding elder of the St. Louis District, was elected secretary.

The conference was composed of parts of three conferences—the Mobile, the Montgomery, and the Tennessee. The facility with which these different elements coalesced, the manner in which the members discharged the duties incumbent upon them, and the readiness with which the business was transacted, demonstrated the strength of our Connectional bond and the universal brotherhood of Methodist preachers.

On first roll call fifty-nine clerical and nineteen lay members responded to their names, and during the session many others came and took their seats.

Committees were appointed, the work organized into districts, stations, circuits and missions, and the appointments made for the ensuing year with no apparent friction.

A pleasant incident of this session was the presence of Bishop McTyeire and Dr. A. L. P. Green. Dr. Green was a native of North Alabama.

Thirteen sessions of the conference have been held, presided over as follows: Bishop Paine, two sessions; Bishop Pierce, one; Bishop Marvin, two; Bishop Doggett, two; Bishop McTyeire, three; Bishop Keener, two; Bishop Kavanaugh, one.

John G. Wilson, was secretary for two sessions; C. D. Oliver, one; John A. Thompson, ten.

The conference embraces that portion of the State long considered the poorest portion of Alabama, but which now constitutes its chief wealth. The mountain counties—Franklin, Winston, Pike, Marion, Cullman, Jefferson, Blount, St. Clair, Etowah, Calhoun, Cleburne, Talladega and Randolph—are rich with untold mineral wealth, which is being rapidly developed.

Capital by the millions is seeking investments, and large fortunes are being rapidly amassed. Furnaces of immense magnitude are springing up everywhere and dotting these mountains.

Towns of city-like proportions and pretensions are being built as if by magic, and crowded with a busy and enterprising population. Birmingham is justly entitled to the name of "Magic

City" which she bears. Only a few years since it was an insignificant village; now the population is increasing so rapidly that you cannot keep pace with it. Before this article sees the light it will have twenty-thousand. Anniston, on the S., R., & D. R. R., begins to rival the Magic City in importance and enterprise. In some respects it has greatly the advantage of her. Lots are now being sold to the amount of ten thousand dollars per week.

These mountains at no distant day will contain the leading stations and circuits of our Conference.

In all Church enterprise the North Alabama Conference, since its organization, has indicated healthful growth, in some respects a wonderful improvement, and has kept pace with the rapid development of the country. This will appear from the following comparative view; I select the second session held at Florence, Alabama, to compare with the last session held at La Fayette, Alabama, from the fact that at the first session the reports were imperfect and some of the charges were not represented.

Every year our Conference has been blessed with general revivals, and at some points revivals of great power, resulting in large ingatherings of souls. The increase in membership has been gratifying, as will appear from the following figures: 1871 we reported 24,424 white members; 1882, 36,577; showing a net gain of 12,133—more than one thousand per year. This gain has not been made by an increase of population and from certificates of membership, but mainly from the revivals referred to.

Our Sunday School work has kept pace with the increase of membership, and has gone beyond it, showing activity and efficiency in this department. 1871 we reported 309 schools; 1882, 437; increase, 128. 1871 we reported 1,602 officers and teachers; 1882, 2,343; increase 741. 1871 we reported 11,493 scholars; 1882, 19,596; increase 8,403. In many places these schools have been generously supplied with our literature.

The increase in Church-edifices has not been quite so rapid, yet we have made some progress in this line. 1871 we had 442 churches valued at \$226,415; 1882, 506 churches valued at \$285,565. The advance in parsonages has been much more decided, and the work in this department encourages us to hope that at no distant day each pastoral charge will own a comfortable home for the preacher. 1871 there were 14 parsonages valued at \$12,050; 1882, 79 parsonages valued at \$49,315. It will be seen that the average valuation is much below that of 1871. This may be accounted for from the fact that in 1871 the parsonages were mainly confined to our stations, and those built since mainly to the circuits. It costs more to build a house in town, with lot considered, than in the country. The country parsonage is generally reported below its

real value, from the fact that the people themselves do much of the work, for which no charge is made. At this session of the Conference several handsome parsonages will be reported, which will increase the average value. The one in Huntsville is worth \$2,000, and the Florence District parsonage is worth \$3,000. Neither of these have been reported.

On the item of *ministerial support* I cannot write with as much confidence as on the foregoing items. There seems to be a want in this respect which needs explanation. In 1871 the presiding elders received \$4,195.78, 1882, \$6,404.83. In 1871 the preachers in charge received \$30,607; 1882, \$37,716.37. These figures are alarmingly small, and the wonder is that with such a pittance men could so long continue in the field. The average salary is about \$275. But even in this item the improvement made encourages the hope of further improvement. Will the Church read this line? God's cause will suffer unless there is manifested more liberality and appreciation of the gospel.

The Connectional Collections indicate fidelity and diligence on the part of the preachers. I think in the item of Bishops' support the Conference has never reported a deficiency, but generally an excess, and no collection is more cheerfully paid. Our people honor and esteem the Episcopacy. 1871, Bishops' Fund, \$934.86; Conference collection, \$1,342.29. 1882, Bishops' Fund, \$1,052.83; Conference collection, \$2,129.05. 1871 we paid for missions, \$2,742.56; 1882, \$8,311.47. The collections for missions have about quadrupled, and our motto is, "One dollar per member." Considering our ability, we are entitled to a place in the front rank on this question.

Educational. The Athens Female College, of Athens, Ala., belongs to the Conference in fee-simple. It has done a noble work in the past, and we trust will do so in the future. The building is a handsome brick edifice, well adapted to educational purposes. The grounds are ample and beautiful, costing in all, building and grounds, not less than \$20,000. With a little repairing there is nothing needed for comfort and for the purposes for which it was designed. Dr. W. A. Rogers, late of Quitman, Ark., is the president.

The Huntsville Female College is, to all intents and purposes, a Methodist college, pronounced in its denominational bearing. It has been placed by the trustees under the care of the Conference, and the Bishops appoint the president, who must be a Methodist preacher. The time has not been when it was in a more prosperous condition, and when its influence was more decided and aggressive and elevating. Presided over by an itinerant Methodist preacher, thoroughly competent to the position he fills, the success of the college is assured.

These two colleges are ample to meet all the demands of our Conference for female education. They are worthy.

The North Alabama Conference has equal ownership with the Alabama Conference in the Southern University, located at Greensboro, Ala. The property is first-class, worth not less than \$90,000, located in a refined and healthful community. With Dr. A. S. Andrews as president, assisted by a learned and competent faculty, all the Southern University needs is the sympathy and active co-operation of the two patronizing Conferences. Perhaps no point connected with our history is of more vital importance and more essential to our success than this college. It is the only Methodist male college in the State.

These institutions, with our district and high schools, taught by our preachers and members, and controlled by our church, show that we are not indifferent to the great work of education.

The *Alabama Christian Advocate*, domiciled at Birmingham, is the organ of the two Conferences. It was enterprised and successfully established by Dr. J. W. Christian, whose untimely death is deeply mourned. Rev. T. J. Rutledge, the business manager, quickly followed him to the grave; but though in such quick succession the paper was bereft of both editor and publisher, it never failed to appear at the appointed time. From the issuance of the first number to the present time, it has on no occasion failed to make its appearance. It is rapidly intrenching itself in the affections of the people, many of whom already consider it a necessity. The success of the paper has been phenomenal. Starting without a subscriber, in two years the list has reached 3,700, and constantly increasing. With Geo. R. Lynch, the energetic publisher, and J. W. Rush, the versatile writer, the paper is doing a grand work in our land. It goes to many families who never before took a religious journal. It has been and will continue to be a potent factor in unifying the two Conferences and developing our local institutions. It is eminently Connectional and evangelical in its tone, manly and outspoken in its sentiments. We think the paper a necessity, and no enterprise of the Conference will be more carefully fostered.

In all departments the Conference shows vitality and power, and we feel that we have a goodly land and our future is bright with promise. If we are only true to our doctrines, and feel in our own experiences the force of the precious truths we preach to others, the time will come when it will not be a severe test of piety to transfer to the North Alabama Conference.

JOHN A. THOMPSON.

➤ADVERTISEMENTS.◀

In this copy of the minutes we present a class of good advertisements. Most all the persons are personally known to the secretary, and he recommends them as everyway reliable.

We call special attention to the Huntsville Female College, A. B. Jones, a. m. President. The cut on the outside page is a correct representation of the building which is a handsome brick edifice well adopted to educational purposes. Huntsville is a healthful refined community and this College offers all the advantages for a thorough education. President Jones has large experience, and his faculty is exceptionally good. Read his terms and send your daughters.

The Tuskegee Female College, Tuskegee, Ala., Dr. John Massey President. It is with real pleasure we commend this school. Dr. Massey is a ripe scholar a christian gentleman, and enthusiastic in his profession. He knows what an education is, and therefore he has associated with him only those well qualified to teach. With two such colleges devoted to Female Education our church in Alabama is accomplishing a great work, in this noble cause. Read carefully the advertisement of Dr. Massey and note the excellent features of his college.

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
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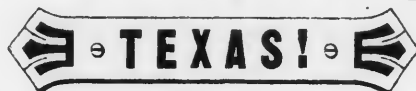
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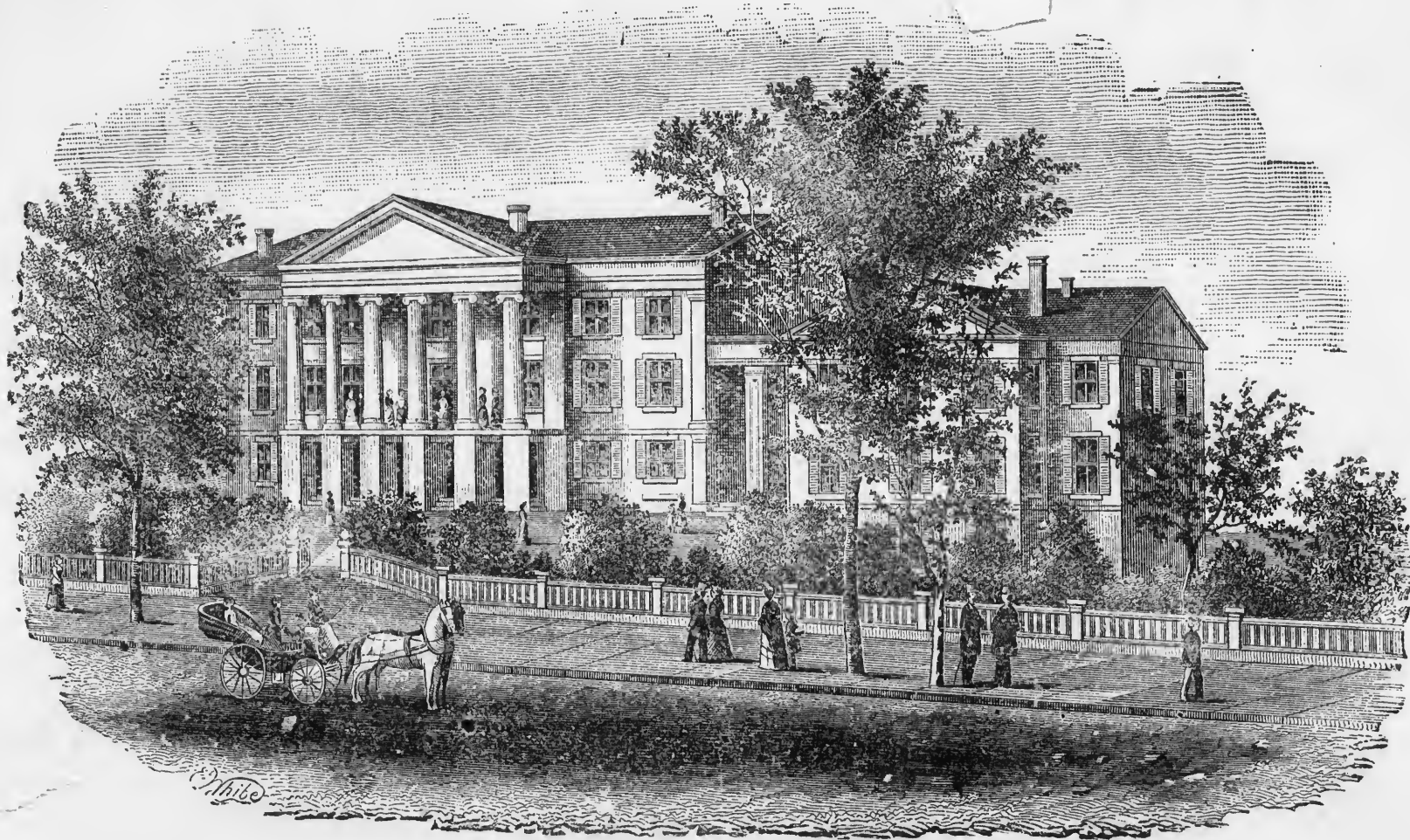
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